

## PUSHING ON TO PEKIN

### ALLIED ARMY ADVANCES ON CHINESE CAPITAL.

International Relief Force of 20,000 Men Begins the Forward Movement—Fifty Missions Reported Slain—Rumor of Japanese Repulse.

The march on Peking began Wednesday, and the allied troops, it is declared, will not turn back until there is a government in China capable of maintaining its international obligations. It is estimated that the expedition numbers 20,000 men of all arms, with 170 guns. The column started toward Peking under the general command of the Russian admiral, Alexieff. By placing the Russian admiral in command the allies settled the first point of difference and secured the prompt help of Russia in this undertaking for the immediate relief of the legations. Russia has greater interests to protect than the other powers, and has a larger army in China. Admiral Alexieff is also the ranking officer in the allied armies.

Gen. Chaffee has instructions to cooperate heartily with the other commanders, but so far as possible to keep his American force in a compact body. The general went to Tien-Tsin on Monday, and instructions were cabled him there to take command of the troops already mobilized and proceed to Peking, if the other forces were ready, without waiting for the cavalry regiment on the transport Grant. This regiment will proceed to Tien-Tsin as soon as landed and protect that place while assisting to keep open communication with the column marching on the Chinese capital.

This Government, according to Washington advices, will give no heed to the Chinese warning that the danger of the ministers depends on the discretion of the powers. This is recognized as simply a diplomatic threat that the lives of the ministers may be sacrificed if the allies march on Peking. This Government, however, takes the position that the freedom of its ministers is not a matter for diplomatic negotiation. It will not treat with

## CHICAGO'S BIG G. A. R. MEMORIAL ARCH.



SOME VICTIMS OF RIOTS.



Police Captain Day and Officer Lamb were killed in New Orleans by Robert Charles, a negro desperado, while they were attempting to arrest him. These murders caused the terrible riots, which resulted in much bloodshed.

### STORY OF PEKIN SIEGE.

Austrian, Italian, Belgian and Holland Legations Burned.

Dr. Robert Colman, Jr., the staff correspondent of the Chicago Record in Peking, who had not been heard from since June 12, sends the following dispatch from Peking under date of July 21: "Baron von Kotteler, the German minister, was murdered by Chinese troops, and his secretary wounded June 20, while on his way to the Tsung-li-Yamen. The foreign residents are besieged in the British legation, and have been under a daily fire from artillery and rifles. The cowardice of the Chinese fortunately prevented them from making successful rushes. Our losses are sixty killed and seventy wounded. The Chinese losses exceed 1,000.

"There has been no word from the outside world. Food is plentiful, such as it is—rice and horse flesh. Yesterday, under a flag of truce, a message was sent by Yung Lu, asking if Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister, would consent to a truce. The minister replied he was willing, provided the Chinese came no closer. The shell firing then ceased and everything is now quiet. We hope that, having defeated the Chinese, relief is near at hand. We are all exhausted with constant standing on guard, fighting, building barricades and digging trenches both night and day.

"All the legations except the British are utterly wrecked by shot and shell. The Austrian, Italian, Belgian and Holland buildings are burned to the ground. The British legation is also much shattered. The United States marines still hold a vital position on the city wall commanding the legations. After a brilliant sortie on the night of July 3, Capt. Myers succeeded in driving back the Kansu mounted troops. During the fight Capt. Myers was slightly wounded. We fear that treachery is possible when the defeated Chinese troops enter the city. Meanwhile we are living in intense anxiety and hoping for early relief."

### WILL SAVE MANY LIVES.

Law Compelling Automatic Car Couplers Now Effective.

A national statute that will result in a great saving of human life became effective on the morning of Aug. 1. It is the law providing that all railway cars engaged in interstate traffic shall be fitted with automatic couplers and air brakes. Hereafter any railway company that uses a car not thus fitted will be liable to a fine of \$100 for each offense.

For years the labor people have fought for this law. The number of accidents on the different lines, due to the lack of the coupler, were becoming appalling. In its annual reports the interstate commerce commission advocated its passage. An average of 250 employees were killed annually while coupling cars, while those injured in the performance of that duty averaged 8,500 yearly.

Outside of the accidents it employs the coupler and brake also affected the general traveling public, for had they been in use it is believed that many disasters would have been averted. When it is shown that in the last ten years the railway accidents in the United States have injured from 40,000 to 50,000 annually and that the deaths which resulted numbered from 6,000 to 8,000 a year it can easily be seen what effect the brake and coupler might have had in preventing the horrors and preserving life.

The first bill for the automatic coupler and brake was passed March 2, 1893. This, however, was several times amended, in accord with the views of the labor organizations, and now the act has become operative.

Since the passage of the law the interstate commerce commission has given the railroads two extensions of time in which to comply with its provisions. The first extension was for one year, and the last, granted last December, was for six months. The cost of compliance with the law has been enormous.

### Reports 5,000 Arc Massacred.

It is reported from Shanghai that the Boxers attacked the missionaries and native Christians at Paoting-Fu July 8. A foreign physician and 2,000 converts were massacred. The Chinese general, Li Ho Keh, is now marching on Peking. He has ordered his troops to exterminate all Christians. Already one French priest and from 2,000 to 3,000 natives have been slaughtered.

### For the Defense of Shanghai.

There are now seventeen foreign warships in port at Shanghai, and the United States consul, Mr. Goodnow, desires the municipal council to place the defenses of the city under the charge of the senior naval officer of the allied fleet.

What is believed to be a Viking corpse has been dug up in a peat bog at Darnedorf, in Schleswig, and placed in the Kiel Museum. It was well preserved, and had red hair; it was clothed in coarse wooden material with sandals on the feet. Kiel experts think it was buried 1600 years ago.

Dr. Bellinghaz of Brazil is using a new yellow fever serum successfully at Vera Cruz.

W. L. Metcalf, treasurer of Skagway, Alaska, killed himself. Ill health.

## ITALY'S NEW KING.

Victor Emmanuel Reputed to Be a Scholar and a Soldier.

Vittorio Emanuele Ferrandino Maria Gennaro, who succeeds his father to the throne of Italy, was the only son of King Humbert. He was born Nov. 11, 1869, and has the reputation of being a liberal, scholarly and soldierly man. He is a general in the Italian army and a patron of art and literature. He is a chevalier of the Order of the Golden Fleece and a Knight of the Garter.

His wife, Italy's new queen, was the Princess Helena, one of the seven daughters of Prince Nicholas, the ruler of the little principality of Montenegro. She was born in the royal palace in Cetinje in 1873. With her sisters she inherited the superb dark beauty of their mother,



PRINCE OF NAPLES, NOW KING OF ITALY, AS REPUTED TO BE A SCHOLAR AND A SOLDIER.

the daughter of a Montenegrin nobleman. She has been most carefully reared by tutors and governesses and is not only admirable in all the arts and graces of European courts, but is well versed in the play of politics and in every way qualified to succeed even so lovely a queen as Margherita of Italy.

The nuptials of Prince Vittorio and Princess Helena were celebrated in Rome Oct. 24, 1896, with all the pomp and circumstance usual on such occasions.

### BRESSI IS UNDISTURBED.

Slayer of King Humbert Has No Regrets for His Awful Crime.

Bressi, the assassin of King Humbert, seems undisturbed by thoughts of the awful work he has accomplished. Reports indicate that he had planned the murder for some time, and that he had chosen Humbert not as an individual personally deserving of violent death, but as a member of the class to which all anarchists are opposed. In New York some misguided malcontents laud the man's deed and call it a deliverer. Bressi declares that in the event of his release he will have similar work to do. His friends in this country—the fiery ones—assert that other sovereigns are marked.

In the course of his examination Bressi did not deny that he had been designated to assassinate King Humbert. It is now believed that the crime was arranged in Paterson, N. J.

A man named Salvatore Quintavalli, who returned to Italy from the United States with Bressi and accompanied him to an anarchist meeting in Paris, has been arrested at the Rio Marina on the Island of Elba. The police found on him letters and photographs of anarchists. Anton Lanner, who accompanied Bressi from the United States, has been arrested at Ivrea. In consequence of these arrests the belief in the existence of a plot is increasing.

Bressi's brother, who is a lieutenant in the Italian army, stigmatizes the crime as the most cowardly act of the century. He had no news of his brother for a long time and thought he was still in the United States.



The Iowa Central has ordered 300 steel cars.

Automatic warning bells are to be placed at every grade crossing of the Santa Fe system.

Further friction has occurred between the differential and the standard lines east from Chicago over the excess fare question.

Pocahontas, formerly the only county seat in Iowa without a railroad, has been linked with the outer world by a branch of the Rock Island.

The White Pass and Yukon route has begun to issue folders setting before the public the facilities it has to offer for reaching the gold fields of Alaska.

An alliance between the Santa Fe and Rio Grande railroads which will result in a practical union of the two systems is, it is reported, about to be formed.

Traffic officials of the Burlington road say that notwithstanding reiterated reports that the soaking rains which New England received were too late to save much of the corn crop, especially in the southern and southwestern part of the State, all these reports go to show that the rain was in ample time to benefit and did actually benefit the great bulk of the crop, and with favorable weather from now to the end more than an average crop in Nebraska will be secured.

Scarcity of farm laborers in the Northwest has caused the owners of big wheat fields to appeal to the railroad companies for help in obtaining men to harvest. Officers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have instructed their Chicago agents to send 2,000 laborers if possible.

The passenger earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway for the fiscal year closed June 30 show a marvelous improvement over the previous year. The total passenger earnings amounted to \$7,698,513.51, an increase of nearly 14 per cent over last year. The number of passengers carried was 8,677,822.

## CONDITION OF CROPS.

Rain Relieves Drought Prevailing in Atlantic Coast Districts.

The Government crop report issued Tuesday gives the following summary of crop conditions: The drought prevailing at the close of the previous week in the Atlantic coast districts has been wholly relieved by local rains, except in southern Florida, and the week as a whole in the districts east of the Rocky mountains has been one of highly favorable temperature conditions, with generally abundant moisture. On the Pacific coast the conditions were also generally favorable, although the eastern portions of Oregon and Washington experienced high temperatures.

The corn crop has made splendid progress during the week. All reports from the States of the central valleys indicate that it has made rapid growth and that the early planted is nearing maturity over the southern portions of the principal corn States. Some early corn in the Carolinas and Virginia has been permanently injured by drought, but late corn in these States is promising.

Winter wheat harvest is practically completed, except where delayed by rains in some districts over the northern portion of the winter wheat region. Thrashing has been quite generally delayed in the central valleys as a result of rains and injury to wheat in shock is quite extensively reported. Harvesting continues on the Pacific coast.

Spring wheat harvest is now general in the northern portion of the Red river valley and is progressing favorably in the southern portion of the spring wheat region. The dry, warm weather has rapidly matured the crop in North Dakota, where, owing to short straw, much had to be mowed. In southern Minnesota a large part of the crop is in shock and in the northern portion of the State the wheat heads are reported as well filled. In South Dakota fair to good yields are indicated in the extreme southeastern counties, the crop being poor to fair elsewhere, but generally of good quality. Rains have caused some further delay in the oat harvest, which, however, is nearly finished in the more northerly sections. Some damage to oats in shock is reported from West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois.

### POWERS ENTERS A DENIAL.

Defendant in Goebel Case Contradicts State's Witnesses.

Caleb Powers, defendant in the Goebel case, was on the witness stand at Georgetown, Ky., in his own behalf. He said that he was on the way to Louisville when he heard that Goebel had been assassinated. "I said it was a shame and an outrage and that it would blight the chance of all of us whose offices were in contest."

Witness said that the statement of Golden that he spoke derisively when told of the shooting was absolutely false. He said he never heard violence talked of in any of the conferences in which he participated, except in one, when Sheriff Burton of Breckinridge County talked in an incendiary manner and was removed. The day after the assassination, witness said, he began an investigation to learn where the shot was fired from.

Powers detailed the events immediately preceding the arrest of himself and Capt. Davis. He said his attorney advised him to make his way to the mountains and remain there till public excitement died out before giving himself up for trial.

"The Legislature had appropriated \$100,000 for the prosecution of persons charged with the crime, and I did not believe it was possible for me to get a fair trial in Franklin County. Moreover, I did not believe the civil authorities there would protect me. I did not know that I could get a change of venue and these were the reasons which suggested flight from Frankfort."

George F. Weaver, the witness who claimed to have been in Colorado and who asserted that he saw the gun barrel pointing from the office of the Secretary of State at the time Goebel was assassinated, was arrested on a warrant charging him with perjury. The warrant was sworn out by the attorneys for the defense in the Powers case, who say that they have found out that Weaver was not only not in Frankfort the day of the assassination, but was never there till last Saturday night.

### KAISER SAYS KILL.

Orders German Troops to Give Chinese Foes No Quarter.

The German Emperor's speech at Barmen on the occasion of the sailing of German troops for China was sensational. The Lokal Anzeiger says the emperor told the troops they were to avenge an outrage committed against the sanctity of ambassadors and an unprecedented breach of the right of hospitality.

"If you close with the enemy," said the emperor, "you know no quarter will be given and no prisoners taken. Use your weapons so that for 1,000 years no Chinaman will dare brand a German sword. Pave the way for civilization now and everywhere. My wishes for yourselves and for the success of your arms will ever follow you. Give proofs of your courage, no matter where. May the blessing of God rest on your banners and may He vouchsafe to you to find a path for Christianity in that far-off country. For this you have pledged yourself to me with your oath to the colors.

"The task before you is a great one. That a people like the Chinese should cast to the winds international rights 1,000 years old and treat with scorn the sanctity of an ambassador and the rights of hospitality in a manner so horrible is unprecedented in the history of the world. Every civilization not founded on Christianity is sure to be brought to naught. So I send you out. May you all prove your German efficiency, devotion and bravery, bear joyfully all discomfort and uphold the honor and glory of our arms. You must set an example of discipline, self-dominance and self-control."

Artillerymen Sail for Taku. The transport Hancock sailed from San Francisco at 10 o'clock Sunday for Taku, China, via Nagasaki, with four batteries of the Third artillery, numbering 475 men, under command of Capt. Charles Humphreys.

Russians Burn Moho. A dispatch from Gen. Niedermueller at Stretenski reports that Col. Scherwin has occupied and burned Moho, the headquarters of the Chinese gold-mine industry. The local garrison, 500 men, and the 10,000 inhabitants of the town have fled.

## WHAT THE CHINESE WORSHIP.

Their Religion Is a Mere Form, Their Deities Are Indefinite.

The only religious worship the average Chinaman performs, aside from ancestral rites, is a prostration and an offering "to heaven and earth" on the first and fifteenth of each moon, or in some cases on the beginning of each new year. No prayer is uttered, and after a time the offering is removed, and, as in other cases, eaten.

What is it that at such times the Chinese people worship? Sometimes they affirm that the object of worship is "heaven and earth." Sometimes they say that it is "heaven," and again they call it "the Old Man of the Sky," (tiao t'ien yeh). The latter term has led to an inference that the Chinese do have a real perception of a personal deity. But when it is ascertained that this supposed "person" is frequently matched by another called "Grandmother Earth" (ti mu nai nai) the correctness of the inference is open to serious question. The word "heaven" is, it is true, often used in the Chinese classics in such a way as to convey the idea of personality and will. But it is likewise employed in a manner which suggests very little of either. "Heaven is a principle" the vagueness of the term is obvious. To this ambiguity in classical use corresponds the looseness of meaning given to it in every-day life. The Chinaman who has been worshipping heaven upon being pressed to know what he means by "heaven" will frequently reply that it is the blue expanse above. His worship is, therefore, in harmony with nature, either individually or collectively. His creed may be described in Emersonian phrases as "one with the blowing clover and the falling rain." In other words, he is a pantheist.

PHILOSOPHY OF AN OLD SALT. Tells a Party of Boys Why Some Birds Commit Suicide.

While hunting for birds' nests recently in clumps of virgin forest that fringe the lake shore at Edgewater a party of high-school pupils discovered a dead woodpecker hanging head downward from the limless side of a tall tree. Its legs did not seem attached to anything, but on closer scrutiny a particularly fine-spun, though very strong, cobweb was found entangling the tiny bird's claws.

The youths had not concluded their speculations as to "the how and the why" of the bird's sad end when a sea-bronzed sailor of the type of Coleidge's "ancient mariner" arose as from a mist out of the lake and, approaching the scene of the discovery, gave a curious explanation of the puzzle the students were resolving in their minds. What the sailor said was about as follows:

"Alas and alack, I am grieved to see that the tropical custom of the so-called spiderweb suicides among small birds of the South Sea Islands is spreading to the feathery tribes of the northern latitudes. That you, my youthful friends, may understand my meaning, it is only necessary to say that the aborigines of many tropical countries have a pretty fable telling how the male hummingbird commits suicide by entangling its toes in an overhanging cobweb of the spider-infested woods, whenever the female for which an attachment has been formed, is mysteriously missing from its haunts or has fled or been trapped for the millinery shops of the highly civilized nations."—Chicago Chronicle.

Bull in a China Shop. A correspondent says he saw an ox in a china shop at Barrass Bridge, England, whose behavior was most exemplary. The animal escaped from a rove and made its way into the shop with as much effrontery and expedition as it might go into its own hummel. After going all about the place, to the admiration of a great crowd of people, it was conducted out by a policeman without having broken so much as a handle of a tea cup.

Long-Range Photography. Captain Gentili, an Italian officer who has been experimenting in long-distance photography, has discovered a means of taking photographs at a distance of many miles. By this means it has been possible to photograph fortresses from a distance of eleven miles and masses of troops at a distance of eighteen miles. Captain Gentili's invention is likely to become of considerable importance from the military point of view.

An Element Instead of a Virtue. Sincerity is no single virtue to be classed with others and ranked above and below them. It is rather an element running through character and life, as the sap runs through the tree, giving life and vigor to every branch and a tender beauty to every leaf and blossom. Let us cherish it as the deepest principle of our hearts and the most vital element of our lives.

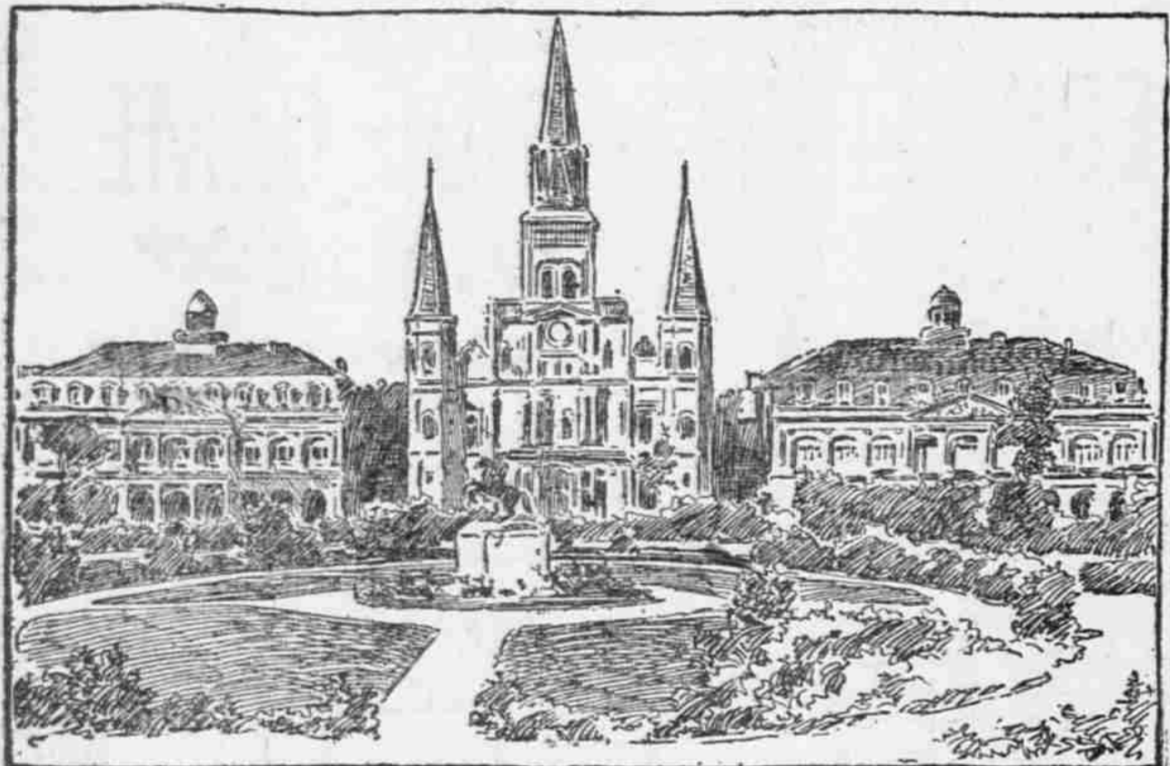
Remarkably Good. "I saw the bishop sprinting for a car to-day with a bag of golf clubs on his arm. Does he play a good game?" "Good? You bet it's good! goody-goody. Why, 'Pshaw!' is about his limit."—Puck.

A Theory. Gerald—I wonder how Anania got such a reputation as a liar? Geraldine—I suppose he told Sapphira she was the only girl he had ever loved.—Harper's Bazar.

A great source of mortification to a woman is that when she has the preacher to dinner and he asks a blessing, her husband and children will not behave as if they were used to it.

With the waning of the honeymoon the misguided man discovers that the coming woman has arrived.

## JACKSON SQUARE—A FAMOUS NEW ORLEANS PARK.



It was in this square the mob that killed the Italian prisoners in the Mafia trouble in 1891 was organized. The building in the center is the St. Louis Cathedral. Jackson Monument stands in the center of the park. The building on the left is the Supreme Court building; that on the right is the Civil Courts building.

China for his rescue. It will not make any agreement or condition regarding his rescue.

Numerous communications from Chinese officials have been received at the State Department suggesting that the allies should be kept at Tien-Tsin in order that China may be able to protect the ministers from further attack. The information has clearly been that an attack upon Peking will be followed by a general massacre. The Government has replied to these intimations that it cannot take them into consideration. It has lodged with China a demand for free intercourse with its minister. That must be granted without condition. There will be no change, it is asserted, in the policy of this Government toward China, but China must carry out her treaty obligations.

The President will not recall the troops now in China nor check their march on the Chinese capital, says a Washington correspondent. They will move forward to the rescue of Minister Conger and other Americans in Peking. The condition of the Chinese capital as reported by Minister Conger will be the President's only guide in future directions given to Gen. Chaffee. There is no hope that these conditions will appear more favorable than they now do.

The Government, from the information in its possession, believes that the imperial troops have attacked the foreign legations. It further believes that Prince Tuan, the father of the heir apparent, has directed the hostile demonstrations. Whatever the purpose of these attacks, they were hostile to this Government.

It is reported from Shanghai that fifty missionaries have been massacred in the Shan Si province. According to a dispatch from Tien-Tsin, under date of Sunday, the Japanese vanguard has been repulsed with a loss of 150 killed and wounded.

The Chinese fortress at Hung Hun was stormed by the Russians under Gen. Ajgustoff July 30, thus relieving the posts of Novokijevskoje and Postja, threatened by the Hung Hun garrison. Many guns were taken.

The topographical features of the country between Tien-Tsin and Peking are favorable to the operations of trained troops against such masses as the Chinese might collect to oppose them. The land is low and nearly flat, and the only difficulties in the way of transportation are the streams and the semi-swampy character of the soil. It is reported that the Chinese have prepared dams that will enable them to flood the country, but it is improbable that much could have been done to make these works effective. A movement up the Pei-Ho river might even be aided by torpedo boats.

## LADY RANDOLPH MARRIED.

Is Now the Bride of Lieut. George Cornwallis West.

Lady Randolph Churchill (nee Jerome) has been married to Lieut. George Cornwallis West, after a courtship full of troubles. She is 53 and he is 26. They are both favorites of the Prince of Wales. The ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London. The two front pews, which had been reserved for the family of the bride, were unoccupied, while the Cornwallis West family was not represented. The Duke of Marlborough gave the bride away and slipped away into a seat near his young American wife.



LADY RANDOLPH AND HUSBAND.

The register was signed by Mrs. Moreton Frewen, the Duke of Marlborough, Winston Churchill and the best man, Lieut. H. C. Elwes, a brother officer of Lieut. West in the Scots guards.

Leaves Cuba for China. The Second battalion of the Fifth United States infantry, Maj. Borden commanding, left Santiago, Cuba, on Monday for New York by the transport McPherson. The companies at Guantanamo and Baracoa were taken aboard en route. The officers have been told to prepare for a hard winter campaign. All the men, a dispatch says, are enthusiastic at the prospect of service in China.

The Cuban Constitutional Convention elections will be held about Nov. 15.