

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Incendiaries are operating at McCook, Neb.

The military force in Cuba is to be reduced to 5,000 men.

Illinois apples were awarded first prize at the Paris fair.

Democratic national headquarters have been opened at Chicago.

Death is announced of ex-Governor Elias Carr of North Carolina.

Unsolicted subscriptions are being secured for the St. Louis fair.

Drought reports from Arizona are said to have been exaggerated.

A lottery concession has been granted to Alex Hernandez at Masaya.

Joseph Muller was electrocuted at the Sing Sing, New York, prison.

From August 1 Berlin will have a special department of theater censorship.

Portugal has put up \$3,500,000 to cover the Delagoa Bay arbitration award.

Dr. Elias S. Peabody, a pioneer Illinois physician, died at his home in Taylorville, aged 87.

President Gompers hopes to bring about a settlement of the St. Louis street railway strike.

Eleven negro men were drowned in the Warrior river near Akron, Ala., by the capizing of a skiff.

Henry J. Newman, who mysteriously disappeared from Omaha, has been heard from in London.

An oleomargarine trust has been formed in Germany to go into effect the beginning of next year.

The resignation of Perry S. Heath as first assistant postmaster general has reached the postmaster general.

Additional rural free delivery service will be established on August 1 at Javenport, Scott county, Iowa.

D. P. Via, of Chicago, a department clerk, claims the bureau of education has been sending out anti-Boer literature.

Elmer E. Clark, a prosperous farmer near Petersburg, Ill., was indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Harry Ellis.

Major John J. Caperton, a wealthy resident of Louisville, Ky., died suddenly at the Chicago Beach hotel of heart failure.

Emperor William has accepted from the manufacturers three automobiles in which he intends to ride during the August maneuvers.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad the issuance of \$12,000,000, fifty year, 5 per cent bonds was ratified.

Fire destroyed the power house of the Chattanooga Rapid Trans. company, operating between that city and Chickamauga Park. Loss is \$65,000; insured.

The large Lehigh Valley freight house at East Buffalo, N. Y., together with fifty cars loaded with merchandise, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000.

Fred Puffer, who for several years was the champion hurdle racer and broad jumper of the United States and Canada, is dead at his home in New York city.

The number of enlistments for foreign service at the barracks at Columbus, O., during the past few days has been very large. Many recruits are eager to go to China at once.

Joseph Rapley, wanted in Williamsburg, Va., for robbing the Peninsula bank on May 24 last, was arrested at Portland, Ore. Three men robbed the bank of \$5,500 and escaped after a desperate fight with the officers.

The annual statement showing the total issue of postage stamps, stamp books, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, was given out at the postoffice department recently. It shows the aggregate number of all such matter issued to have been 6,723,687,010 articles, valued at \$97,687,772.

A sensational Indian murder occurred at Kamloopo, B. C. Two Indian women were seen riding up the street at a full gallop. They were closely pursued by a mounted Indian, who was armed with a rifle. On nearing them he raised his rifle and shot one dead.

The comptroller has authorized the First National bank of Coon Rapids, Ia., to begin business with a capital of \$25,000.

Mrs. Fanny Janaushek, the tragic actress, is a patient in St. Mary's hospital, Brooklyn, suffering from almost total paralysis of the left side, due in part to the recent excessive heat.

Colonel Adam S. Baker, president of the South Bend (Ind.) Wagon company and a pioneer citizen, died, aged 70.

The earnings of the Chicago Great Western railway (Maple Leaf Route) for the second week of July, 1900, show an increase of \$3,922.43 over the corresponding week of last year.

The artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas, has been ordered to prepare for the Orient.

A letter has been received by the director of the mint from the United States assay office at Seattle reporting that during the first eleven days of the present month gold arrivals there amounted to \$4,400,000.

Brig-Gen. Patrick Henry Jones died at his home at Port Richmond, Staten Island, aged 70 years. He served throughout the civil war and was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers in 1864. He was postmaster of New York city during Grant's first term.

Debs, socialist candidate for vice-president, says he has no intention of withdrawing from the race.

After a long period of imprisonment, which he has endured more like a ferocious wild beast than like a human being, Gerome, one of the most bloodthirsty Indians that ever figured in history, has gone stark mad.

READY TO DROP CHINA

State Department Losing Faith in Information Furnished by Wu.

CIPHER DISPATCH NOW DOUBTED

British Government Calls Attention to Several Suspicious Circumstances - U. S. Refuses to Make Congo's Safe Return Matter for Diplomatic Barter.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Unless some authentic assurance as to the condition of the Americans in Peking reaches the state department within a day or two the administration is likely to abandon whatever faith it has manifested thus far in the truthfulness of Chinese information. The Chinese minister is confident that within that time there will be news from Peking of a character to satisfy the most skeptical as to its accuracy, and he is also confident that this will be good news from the American point of view.

The state department is still receptive, though looking with growing coldness on the numerous edicts and telegrams which are coming from China, all without bringing any news. The contributions of the day were from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai and Consul Fowler at Che Foo. So much of their messages as was given out for publication related to the welfare of certain missionaries who have been made the subject of inquiry by relatives in this country. The cables mentioned these messages and there is reason to doubt the value of the information attempted to be conveyed through them.

Mr. Goodnow also had something to say about the political situation and it is believed that that part of his message was not of an encouraging character. At any rate, it was withheld from the press, probably because the government did not deem it prudent to give it the stamp of apparent approval.

Ever since the receipt at Tien Tsin of the autograph message from Minister Conger, dated Peking, July 4, state department officials have had grave doubts as to the authenticity of the cipher message attributed to him, dated Peking, July 18. There have been many little side lights on this message that afford ground for suspicion, and now the British authorities have added their quota to the growing distrust of things Chinese. It seems that Mr. Warren, at present acting as British consul at Shanghai, has been told by Sheng, the famous Chinese director of posts and telegraphs, that Yuan, the governor of Shan Tung, told him (Sheng) that a message had passed through to the United States from Mr. Conger on the 18th of July telling of the condition at the British legation. This cipher dispatch was "faked" by Chinese officials.

It is pointed out at the state department, however, that there are plausible explanations of this curious fact which tend to show the authenticity of the cipher dispatch. Secretary Hay cabled to Mr. Conger that he might have implicit faith in the person who brought the dispatch to him. Mr. Conger, therefore, had a right to trust the man, and possibly he told him in a general way the contents of the dispatch in case the messenger should be obliged to destroy it to insure his own safety. However that may be, the British government has thought Mr. Warren's report worth the attention of our government.

The state department officials do not like the European criticism more or less attributing to our government a lack of whole-heartedness in the effort to get to Peking. They point to what the American troops and marines have already done, to the loss of life and limbs suffered by them and to the repeated urgings of the American officials at every point looking to a forward movement at Peking.

UNABLE TO GET A REPLY.

Acknowledges Inability to Communicate with Italian Minister.

HONG KONG, July 28.—In order to test the Chinese assurances regarding the safety of the legations, the Italian consul here yesterday requested the acting viceroy of Canton to communicate with the Italian minister, Marcantonio Olvago Raggi, and to obtain a reply from him concerning a matter known only to the minister and the consul.

Today the acting viceroy reported that it was impossible for him to accede to the request.

Miss Anthony to Negroes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 28.—At the negro race conference today a paper from Susan B. Anthony was read by the secretary. She appealed to the conference to petition congress for a sixteenth amendment which shall prohibit the disfranchisement of citizens on account of sex and declares the condition of negro women was not improved by emancipation. The negro women will organize a national society to send out literature instructing negro women how to improve homes.

Belts Defeat Prince Ching.

BERLIN, July 28.—A dispatch received here today, dated Tien Tsin, Tuesday, July 24, says: "A messenger who left Peking Sunday, July 15, brought today to the customs office here news that Prince Ching's soldiers had been fighting Prince Tung's troops and had been defeated. The foreigners were defending themselves in the northern cathedral near the Forbidden City."

Nice Point Brought Up.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The state department has another novel extradition case on hand growing out of the peculiar international status of Cuba. Louis Darell committed a murder in Cuba and made his escape from the island. He was traced to Portuguese East Africa, and the state department today was notified that the Portuguese authorities had him under arrest and detention at the town of Beira, awaiting the arrival of officers from Cuba to take him into custody. Portugal has no extradition treaty with the United States.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Some Rules Adopted that Are Likely to Improve the Service.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Postmaster General Emory Smith has issued an order carrying into effect recommendations made by the rural free delivery superintendents, who have been in session here several days. The order, which applies to all rural free delivery service in the country, follows:

First—It is ordered that, beginning August 1, the drop letter, or 1-cent rate of postage, will not apply within rural free delivery limits. The 2-cent per ounce rate will be exacted within such delivery on all first-class matter except postal cards.

Second—That the introduction of rural free delivery will not increase or otherwise modify the present rate of postage on second-class matter.

Third—That the rural free delivery carriers will not bring to the post-office mail matter collected by them, which may be delivered on their routes before completing their trips.

Fourth—That stamps on mail matter collected by rural free delivery carriers, including those on matter delivered en route as named in section 3, will be cancelled by them and reported to the postmaster, who will derive the benefit of the cancellation if the office is fourth-class.

Fifth—That until suitable rubber cancelling stamps can be supplied by the department, free delivery carriers will cancel the stamps with the indelible pencils furnished them for use in registered letters.

STILL MATTER OF SURMISE.

As to Date of Probable Advance of Allies on Peking.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—It is said tonight that the cablegram received by the navy department today from Admiral Remy contained no statement as to when the forward movement of the allied armies on Peking was to be made. In a measure this was a disappointment to the officials, who dread delay in a united advance for the relief of the legations. Admiral Remy has just been on a visit to Tien Tsin, where he went to make an examination into the conditions existing there and, presumably, to gather what information he could as to the future intentions of the allies. For this reason it was expected that he would be able to give some indication of the probable time the forward movement on Peking would begin.

According to the naval authorities, Admiral Remy's dispatch gave no information of the present strength of the foreign troops now ready to begin the campaign, although it is not thought here that they are numerous enough to force their way to the Chinese capital and successfully encounter the opposition which it is feared will be met on the way there.

Fear for Their Children.

DES MOINES, July 27.—W. H. Bron of Rosehill, Ia., and his family have given up the safety of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, who are missionaries for the Christian church in China. Both of the young people graduated from Drake university, Des Moines, a year ago. A letter from them, dated June 18, is the last word received. At that time they were starting from Kuling to Shanghai. The Boxers were inciting the people to kill all foreigners, and the missionaries, numbering about sixty Americans, were badly frightened.

Are Again Reported Alive.

TOKIO, July 24.—A message received here from Shanghai yesterday makes the following assertions: Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Shan Tung, has received a letter from Peking, dated July 18, declaring that a legation courier was captured by the Chinese guards on July 13 and that thereupon General Yung Lu petitioned the throne to employ the courier as a messenger to communicate with the ministers. This was carried out and a reply was received that the ministers were well and unanimous in favoring the restoration of peace.

Confagration at Nome.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 27.—A special to the Times says: "Cape Nome was treated to a great confagration early in this month. Miles and miles of tundra were burned over and many native homes destroyed. The fire began close to the eastern suburbs of Nome and swept the country from the outer edge of the sand beach to the foot of the hills and far below Cape Nome, so that the surface looks like a vast prairie that has been burned over."

Agent Falls to Return.

SYRACUSE, Neb., July 26.—Dr. Turo Hill put an agent on the road for the scale of his scalp invigorator. The agent hired a team from McFarland's livery stable, left it in Johnson county, appropriated all the sales, forgot to pay his bills, and Turo says if he gets hold of him he will need several bottles of his invigorator for his own use. McFarland got back from Johnson county with his team.

Valdemar Brothers to Hang.

PHOENIX, A. T., July 27.—This afternoon Acting Governor Akers issued an answer to the request of the Texas officials for clemency in the case of Valdemar brothers, refusing to grant a commutation of sentence to hang August 10, at Tombstone.

Commissioner Rockhill's Departure.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Special Commissioner Rockhill will leave Washington Saturday with Mrs. Rockhill for San Francisco, stopping a day or two at Chicago en route. This will enable him to reach San Francisco in time to take the Japanese liner America Maru, which sails for Yokohama and Nagasaki on August 2. If Secretary Hay returns to Washington today, as is expected, Mr. Rockhill will have a final conference with him before leaving for China. He has received the fullest instructions from the president already.

GIVES THE LIE TO CHINA

Admiral Remy Declares Throne Was in Sympathy With Boxers.

ARE TOO STRONG FOR CONTROL

Representation of American Officer Accepted by Administration - Uited States May Change Front Owing to Growing Evidence of Duplicity.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—There were no developments today to warrant the assumption that there will be the slightest improvement in the Chinese situation. Indeed, the general tenor of the news as brought to light was to add to the steadily growing doubt as to the good faith of the Chinese government as manifested in its acts. Admiral Kempff's letter, given publicly by the navy department today, made the direct statement that the imperial authorities were in sympathy with the Boxers, though he added that the government was afterward paralyzed and incapable of controlling the situation. This was the first official declaration to reach our government contradictory of the Chinese representations that the imperial government had steadfastly and from the first opposed the Boxer movement, and our government is bound to accept the word of its own officer until that is overcome by irrefutable evidence. Then the exchanges that are in constant progress between the powers are tending more and more to cast suspicion upon the genuineness of the many communications that have come from Peking through Chinese governmental sources. If it should be finally fraud upon the world, the fact may call for a change of attitude on the part of the United States government toward China. This would not affect the military policy under way, but merely the technical relations between the two governments, which would probably closely approximate a step of formal war.

The navy department today contributed a brief news item in the shape of a vindication by Admiral Remy of the United States marines from the general charge of looting at Tien Tsin. The admiral had a great deal more than this to report to the navy department, but the officials did not regard the rest of his report as proper for publication just now.

General Miles and General Bullington were again in consultation, though separately, with Secretary Root today and the supposition is that the Chinese campaign was under consideration.

AVENGE DEATH OF COMRADE.

Detachment of Fortieth Infantry Kills Eighty-Nine Filipinos.

MANILA, July 27.—At Oroquieta, in northern Mindanao, two soldiers entered a native store for the purpose of buying food. One of them was killed by a bolo and his head severed from his body. The other escaped and gave the alarm. A company of the Fortieth infantry, stationed at Cagayan, repaired to Oroquieta and killed eighty-nine natives, thirty of them being in a single house.

Subsequently the gunboat Callao, commanded by Lieutenant George B. Bradshaw, shelled Oroquieta, burning the warehouses. One of the crew was killed. A force of the enemy, estimated to number 500, under the leadership of Alvarez, formerly the insurgent president of Yabanga, is now persistently troubling northern Mindanao.

A marine at the outpost of Isabella de Balsin was bolied by natives and so badly wounded that he died. Isabella is tranquil.

GETS BACK AT BRISTOW.

President Cowan Angry at Statements of Postoffice Official.

MUNCIE, Ind., July 27.—Ross H. Cowan, president of the Neely Printing company, tonight issued a card denouncing the statement of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow and stating that the records show that there was a legitimate sale of the printing office from Neely to him, and that more than printing bills for the Cuban government ordered through Neely were not paid twice. Owing to clerical error Rathbone paid one bill of \$163, but this was rectified.

Tried to Kidnap Bowlin.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 27.—Parties broke into the house of J. D. Bowlin of Westport, Ore., last night and tried to kidnap him and his wife. Bowlin is the man over whose extradition on Governor Beckham's requisition there were answers of Bowlin and two habeas corpus cases here.

Boxers Not in Korea.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Mr. Ye, the Korean charge here, took to the state department a dispatch from his government denying positively the published stories that the Boxer movement had extended to Korea, or that any Chinese Boxers had crossed the Korean frontier.

A Chance for Young Doctors.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—General Sternberg says 100 additional medical officers will be wanted by the surgeon general for duty in the Philippines and China. He says that only graduates of reputable medical colleges, with some experience and under 40 years of age, will be accepted.

Li Hung Chang's Latest.

LONDON, July 27.—(New York World Cablegram.)—The Express Shanghai correspondent cables: "Li Hung Chang told the consuls last night they might expect some of the legation people to arrive at Tien Tsin almost immediately, as they are already on their way thither. He had received explicit and positive information that with one exception all the ministers are unharmed. The impression gains ground here that the ministers may still survive, but all others of the foreigners have been murdered."

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Union Stock Yards—Cattle—There was a very light run of cattle at the yards, but the bulk of the receipts were composed of cornfed steers. The demand on the part of packers seemed to be satisfactory, but there was hardly enough on sale to interest them. Choice cattle, however, brought good steady prices as compared with the previous day, and in a few cases where they just happened to suit the buyers a little stronger prices may have been paid. Common cattle, however, were no more than steady, and the tendency was to neglect that class of stock. The cattle began moving toward the scales early in the morning and practically everything was weighed up at an early hour. There were only about two cars of cows and heifers on sale, besides a few odds and ends. The market was active and fully steady on anything good, and the common and canner grades sold about in yesterday's market. Offerings of stock cattle were also very light today and the market was without material change.

Hogs—The supply of hogs was very light. Eastern points reported strong markets, and as a result prices here advanced 25c, or, in other words, the market went back to about where it was on Wednesday. The bulk of the hogs brought \$5.00 to \$5.10, with a top of \$5.15, which was paid for a load of fancy hogs. The demand was good and the market closed without material change, everything being weighed up early in the morning. Today's advance takes the market back to about Wednesday's figures, or a little better than a week ago, but is lower than two weeks ago.

Sheep—The demand was good at the following quotations: Choice western grass wethers, \$4.90 to \$5.10; fair to good grass wethers, \$3.65 to \$3.90; choice grass yearlings, \$4.15 to \$4.35; choice ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.50; fair to good ewes, \$2.00 to \$2.25; fair to good yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.00; good to choice clipped lambs, \$4.25 to \$4.50; fair to good clipped lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; choice spring lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25; fair to good spring lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; feeder wethers, \$3.25 to \$3.40; feeder yearlings, \$3.40 to \$3.65; and feeder lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.00.

KANSAS CITY. Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; market steady; native steers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Texas cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; native cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; stockers and feeders, \$1.25 to \$1.50; bulls, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; market steady to higher; bulk of sales, \$5.00 to \$5.15; heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.15; light, \$4.80 to \$5.00; yorkers, \$5.00 to \$5.15; pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market strong; lambs, \$4.90 to \$5.00; muttons, \$3.00 to \$3.25.

KILLED IN HIS LAIR.

Negro Fiend Shot After Killing Five Persons at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, July 28.—Twelve persons killed, including one woman and twenty-eight wounded, including a woman and a girl, some so seriously that death is probable, is the casualty list of the trouble in New Orleans, which began with the attempt by Policemen Day and Lamb to arrest the negroes Charles and Pierce. The desperate negro, Robert Charles, whose crimes have caused the terrible events of the last two days, was located in a negro's dwelling on Saratoga street this afternoon and in effecting his capture the lives of four more white men—two police officers and two citizens—were sacrificed. Charles' resistance cost him his life and with him was killed a negro companion, who had aided him in his defiance of the authorities.

With the organization of a citizens' police force last night the turbulent element yielded and peace and order were restored. This morning the better class of negroes resumed their vocations, free from molestation, and the restoration of order promised to be permanent. The early hours of the afternoon, however, wrought a startling change in the situation. The fresh violence of today has revived the turbulence of the unruly element and adds strength to their forces. The citizens' police force has been increased by more than 1,000 men. All companies of the militia are under arms and are guarding the prison and other important points. The general belief is that the force in hand will be ample to suppress the lawless element.

ENLIST MEN FOR PACK TRAINS.

Ordered to Secure as Many as Possible for Service in China.

CHEYENNE, July 28.—Lieutenant Smithers, commanding the detachment now garrisoning Fort Russell, has received an order from the quartermaster at Washington to enlist here as many men as possible for pack train service in China. It is the intention of the government to form seventy-five pack trains for the Chinese campaign, a number never before called into service by this government. A large number of these will be enlisted at the western forts.

Body Found Hanging to a Tree.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 27.—A man who had evidently been dead for a number of days was found hanging from the limb of a tree by a wire rope in the timber a short distance from Central City. No one knows the man and there was nothing to indicate his identity.

Declines the Chinese Offer.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The United States government has absolutely refused the Chinese proposition to suspend military operations against Peking in return for the delivery at Tien Tsin of the foreign ministers.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$151,280,749; gold, \$72,406,091.

Protest Against Russian Refugees.

YOKOHAMA, July 27.—According to Seoul reports, the Korea government has protested against the presence of Russian refugees at Wiju, and the Russian representatives will remove them to Port Arthur without delay.

Prince Tuan Said to Be Dead.

LONDON, July 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, wiring yesterday, says: "It is reported that a large section of the Boxers have revolted against Prince Tuan, alleging that he is making tools of them for his own ends. A desperate conflict took place outside of Peking on Sunday. Prince Tuan personally led his followers, two of his generals having deserted him. The battle lasted several hours and Prince Tuan was defeated and killed."

AS TO THE MINISTERS

Latest Message From Conger Throws no Light on the Situation.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS MYSTIFIED

Reason for Believing Two Communications Are About of Same Date - Reiterates Safety of Foreigners - China's Appeals for Mediation.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The receipt at Tien Tsin of an undoubtedly genuine and autographic message from Minister Conger has done nothing to dissipate the doubt as to the situation at Peking. The message, which was forwarded by the naval officers at Tien sin, Taku and Chee Foo, has indeed served only to deepen the mystery. The message comes from Captain Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn, and is as follows: "CHEE FOO, July 24.—Navigation Bureau, Washington: Written message, signed Conger, dated July 4, received Tien Tsin, 21st, says: 'Been besieged two weeks British legation. Grave danger general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling legation daily. Relief soon if at all. City without government except by Chinese army. Determined massacre all foreigners Peking. Entry relief forces into city probably be hotly contested.' "THOMAS."

The official conclusion remains unchanged, of course, but it is admitted that a careful scrutiny of the autograph message in comparison with the famous cipher message from Minister Conger admits of the belief that the two messages were written by Mr. Conger at about the same time. The situation at the British legation is represented to be the same in each case, and as Mr. Conger declares that relief must come quickly, if at all, there is ground for the supposition that conditions could not long have remained unchanged in such a crisis. The assumption that this reasoning is correct involves the further conclusion that Mr. Conger's cipher message, if genuine, was redated as of the 18th of July, two weeks later than the date of actual writing and, of course, if redated at all, that was done by Chinese officials.

On the other hand, and in support of the state department position, came today a message from another of the great Chinese viceroys, Tak, at Canton, he who took charge after Li Hung Chang's departure. This also affirmed solemnly the safety of the legations, and coming from so many different sources and from such important Chinese officials, these dispatches do claim attention. A pessimistic view of them, however, attributes to them all a common origin, namely, some one high Chinese personage at Peking. It is noted that Tak's assurance brings the ministers one day further towards ultimate rescue than has any preceding message, the fact that it allows only three days to cover the transmission over the great distance between Peking and Canton has attracted attention here and appears to demand explanation if the message is to be accepted as of genuine origin.

It was not known to the state department until the publication of the fact in the news dispatches that the French government also had been addressed by the Chinese government in the effort to secure mediation. It now appears that still other powers were addressed in a similar strain. It is known that Great Britain and Germany and probably Russia have received such message. The language is not the same, but the animating idea is.

WARRING AGAINST WOMEN.

Charge Made Against British Methods in South Africa.

BERLIN, July 26.—The German press complains of what one paper calls "the growing brutalization of the South African war." Prof. von Rohlfen in the Deutsche Juristenzeitung deplors the "wounds which England's procedure against the Boers has made in the world's sense of humanitarianism as expressed at the Hague conference. A number of papers assert that England is warring now even against the wives of the Boers.

Dispose of First Rumor.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The message from Minister Conger, which came over the wires from Captain Thomas this morning, was the first communication of unquestionable authenticity which has been received from the American minister at Peking since his urgent appeal for help of July 12. It establishes clearly the fact that the American minister and probably the other legation were alive on July 4, though in sore straits. Therefore, it completely and finally disposes of the first stories that were published from Shanghai of the massacre of June 27.

Floorman Dies at Nome.

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 28.—A letter from Cape Nome states that Robert Floorman died there of pneumonia and his body has been buried at Seattle, temporarily. Floorman is probably the best known mining man in the west. He came to Deadwood in 1876, promoted half a dozen big mining companies, the largest being the sale of the Florence mine in the Galena district, to St. Paul parties. He spent thousands of dollars in building up this city.

Cattle Plague in South Dakota.

YANKTON, S. D., July 28.—A peculiar and deadly disease has recently broken out in the cattle herds near Parkman. During the last two weeks J. R. Sanborn of the Carpenter ranch has lost twenty-eight head and other herds have suffered to a less extent. The animal will be suddenly attacked and usually does not live to exceed ten minutes. Drs. Henry Shipley of Sheldon, Ia., one of the state veterinarians, and S. M. Smith, a veterinarian of Mitchell, have visited the affected district and made examinations to determine the nature of the disease.