

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Some new buildings are to be erected at Fort Crook. The navy department has rejected all the bids for armor plate. Over eight millions in gold left New York on the 16th for Europe.

Governor Shaw of Iowa will make appointment of a senator before September 1st. The winter wheat crop of Illinois amounts to 20,677,000 bushels, the largest since 1896.

At Buffalo, N. Y., the Dakota elevator was burned, entailing a loss approximating \$500,000. At Lima, Ohio, the dry goods store of Carroll & Cooney was robbed of about \$21,000 worth of silks.

Miss Blanche Fearing, the only blind woman lawyer in the United States, if not in the world, and an author of considerable merit, is dead at Eureka Springs, after an illness of several months.

The grape growers and the wine men near Fresno, Cal., are at war at present. The wine men have called in their buyers and say they will buy no more grapes, as the growers are holding them too high.

Officers of the Union Pacific said when asked about the rumor that the Chicago & Alton road was negotiating to buy the Kansas Pacific from Kansas City to Denver that they never heard of any such negotiations.

An East Las Vegas (N. M.) dispatch says: Ex-Senator Ingalls has decided to return to Afton soon after the arrival of his sons, now enroute here. He says he feels able to travel, although he is quite thin and very weak.

ALLIES OCCUPY PEKIN

Beleagued Legation Relieved by Army Headed by Japanese.

CHINESE RESISTANCE OVERCOME

Attack Made Wednesday and Victory Bought With Considerable Loss—Imperial Troops Retreat—News Confirmed From Several Sources.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The allied armies have captured and entered Pekin, in the face of obstinate resistance and the members of the foreign legations are safe. Official confirmation of the fall of the Chinese capital came to the United States government tonight in the shape of two cablegrams, one from Admiral Remy and the other from Consul Fowler at Che Foo.

Admiral Remy's dispatch is as follows: "TAKU, Aug. 17.—1 a. m.—Bureau Navigation, Washington: Just received telegram from Tien Tsai, dated 16th, 10 p. m. 'Pekin was captured on August 15. Foreign legations are safe. Details follow slowly.' REMY."

Previous information, which has been received here, showed that the allied armies took possession of Tung Chow on the 12th instant. From that city to Pekin the distance is not very great, not more than a dozen miles. It seems evident, therefore, that the armies halted for a time at Tung Chow, probably for the purpose of giving the men a rest and by preparing for the attack upon the capital city in force after waiting until the rear of the advancing host should arrive at the front.

The president was overjoyed on hearing the news of the safety of Minister Conger and his associates. He has been hopeful all along that their rescue from the perilous position they have been in for so long a time would be speedily accomplished.

COMING HOME FROM NOME.

Two Ships Arrive With 1,000 Passengers and \$3,000,000 in Gold.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 18.—Two steamships arriving from Nome today brought nearly 600 passengers. The Roanoke, with 200 passengers, was a treasure ship in every sense of the word, it having on board \$3,000,000 in gold and a cargo of furs valued at \$1,000,000.

Rains Have Helped Corn. CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—The condition of the corn crop in Nebraska, as summarized from reports received at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad headquarters, has greatly improved within the last week.

Portable Postoffice for Troops. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—H. W. Robinson, superintendent of the American postal service to be established in China, who with his assistant, G. M. Hunt, sailed on the Warren, says he postoffices to be used for the United States troops will be portable.

Arsons Sheep in Iowa. DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 20.—A flock of over 2,000 sheep were landed here and were driven out to the monastery, where they will be fattened for the market.

Department Stands by Goodnow. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The state department takes no stock in the story put forth by the China Gazette at Shanghai, accusing Consul Goodnow of complicity with the Chinese.

TRAIN GUNS ON PEKIN.

Italian Advice Are to the Effect that Siege Was Begun on Monday.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A cablegram to Vienna from Hong Kong announces the capture of Pekin, but the Austrian government, like other European powers, is still without confirmation of this report. An official telegram, dated Taku, August 14, has been received at Rome.

Chinese officials in Shanghai are reported as admitting that the allies inflicted a heavy defeat on the Chinese imperial troops around Tung Chow Sunday and then marched direct to Pekin. This, if true, carries the Japanese official advice announcing the capture of Tung Chow one step further.

From the same place comes the statement that Vice Admiral Seymour and Brigadier General Creah have joined in the protest against the withdrawal of the British troops. All the morning papers, which comment on the subject, appeal to Lord Salisbury not to withdraw them and dilate upon the serious results of such an action to British prestige.

American negotiators looking to a cessation of hostilities also receive considerable attention, favorable and otherwise, but all the editorials agree that to precipitate a withdrawal from Pekin after the delivery of the legations would have a bad effect upon the Chinese minds.

IOWA DEMOCRATS NOMINATE.

State Ticket Chosen Without Friction and by Acclamation.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 17.—The democratic state convention met here yesterday with an exceptionally large attendance. Prior to the calling to order of the convention district caucuses were held and electors chosen. All nominations were by acclamation, except for electors-at-large. The ticket nominated follows:

Secretary of State—S. G. Crane, Polk county. Auditor of State—I. M. Gibson, Delaware county. Treasurer—H. L. Williams, O'Brien county.

Attorney General—C. Harper, Des Moines county. Judge Supreme Court—J. W. Freeland, Wayne county.

Norman Gets College Chair. NORMAN, Okla., Aug. 17.—William H. Matlock of Des Moines, Ia., was today given the chair of modern languages at the Oklahoma university and James W. Sturgis of the University of Michigan was selected to fill the chair of Greek and Latin.

Hamlet Is Permitted to Resign. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—It has been decided to permit Postoffice Inspector George B. Hamlet, formerly chief inspector, to resign, instead of severing his connection with the department by formal removal, as had been originally decided.

Bubonic Plague on Vessel. LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British steamer Clan MacArthur of the Clan Line, which sailed from Calcutta July 12 via Port Said, has been quarantined in the Thames, owing to a death from bubonic plague having occurred on board the vessel.

Pass the Two Million Point. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The census office this morning announced the population of Greater New York (Manhattan and Bronx boroughs) as 2,050,600. The population of the borough of Manhattan is 1,850,093 and that of the Bronx 200,507.

CHINA IS WEAKENING

Celestials Make Abject Appeals for Cessation of Hostilities.

LI HUNG CHANG AS A MEDIATOR

United States Begged to Stop Advance of Allied Troops at Tung Chow—Entrance of Armed Foreigners into Pekin May Shake Tottering Throne.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—At the close of a day of intense anxiety the Department of State today made public the latest correspondence between the United States government and China, constituting not only a remarkable series of state papers, but at the same time dispelling all doubt and uncertainty as to the American policy in the present critical juncture.

The following memorandum was handed to Mr. Adee by Mr. Wu at 9 o'clock this morning: "A cable from Earl Li Hung Chang, envoy plenipotentiary of China, dated August 15, and received by Minister Wu at 7 p. m. on the same day: 'The allied forces are approaching Tung Chow. I have memorialized the imperial government to depute envoys to negotiate an armistice with the several commanders on the spot.'

The following memorandum in reply was handed to Mr. Wu this afternoon: "Forseeing that there would be insufficient time after receiving a reply to our memorandum of August 5 to get instructions to the relief column before it had reached Pekin, we sent on the same day to the general commanding the American forces in China the following dispatch: 'ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12, 1906.'

Found Dead in Bed. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 18.—Fred Schlake, a well-to-do farmer, living near Pickrell, was found dead on the road about four miles northeast of Pickrell. Schlake's body was found in the wagon road and two small holes about the size of a wire nail were discovered behind the left ear.

Places the Gun at His Breast. BLUE HILL, Neb., Aug. 18.—Wait McNeer of this place committed suicide by shooting himself. He attached a string to the trigger of his gun and placed the muzzle close to his breast. The charge tore his heart entirely out, killing him instantly. He left letters explaining all, but they are yet kept a secret. He was about 30 years old and highly respected by all who knew him.

Tornado at Kennard. KENNARD, Neb., Aug. 18.—A tornado visited this section about midnight. Several houses near town were blown from thirty to sixty feet from their foundations, trees were uprooted and chimneys blown down about town.

Beatrice Man Drowned. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 18.—Arthur Freeman, a well known young jeweler of this city, was drowned while swimming in the Blue river, about a mile above the city. The young man was accompanied by several companions, and one of them, Fred Lasch by name, nearly suffered a like fate in trying to rescue Freeman and was only rescued after strenuous efforts by his companions.

Struck by a Train. O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 18.—John and James Rodenham, brothers, were struck by the first section of the Elkhorn passenger train on a crossing four miles west of O'Neill and badly injured. They are farmers and were returning to their home west of Emmet from O'Neill. Definite information is difficult, but report is that the team was killed, the wagon demolished and the men seriously hurt.

CAMPER DROWNS NEAR SCHUYLER

A Young Man Goes Beyond His Depth in McAllister Lake.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 17.—Herbert DeBray of LaGrange, Ill., aged 32, guest of Chauncey W. Nieman and one of a party of campers at McAllister's lake, a nearby resort for small camping parties, was drowned in the lake. He was unable to swim and got beyond his depth. E. F. Folda started to his rescue, but was unable to reach him before he sank the last time. He went down at the edge of a funnel-shaped depression, where water was twenty feet deep, and his body moved to the lowest part, which made diving difficult on account of deep water and prevented a speedy location of the body.

Fell Into the River.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., Aug. 18.—While crossing the Platte river bridge George Metz, a Cass county farmer, together with his wife and child, were thrown from the bridge into the river, a distance of ten feet. The bridge is undergoing repairs and is only open for travel at given times.

A Hall Full of People.

CHADRON, Neb., Aug. 18.—A hall storm several miles wide visited Chadron, beating vegetation into the earth and stripping trees and berry bushes of their foliage, destroying flower gardens and breaking nearly all the windows on the north side of the buildings. Hall as large as hen eggs fell, and the ground was covered with ice. Rain followed and torrents of water washed half into drifts in canyons and creeks, where they are still stacked. A funeral procession was caught in the storm, but shelter was sought before damage was done.

The Show Moved On.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Aug. 18.—The Great Syndicate English-American show showed here and proved to be a fiasco. It is alleged they endeavored to get every dollar in sight by short changing, picking pockets and other dishonest methods. A crowd of several hundred people assembled just before the time for the evening performance and demanded that the show leave the town immediately and that all money wrongfully obtained be returned.

Breaks All Records.

NEMAH, Neb., Aug. 18.—Nemaha calls the state championship for the greatest precipitation during any given period of time for the season. Sunday night's rain broke all previous records. The Burlington six-inch gauge was running over at midnight. Several persons who had jars out ranging in height from twelve to fourteen inches were full to overflowing. E. J. Maxwell had a half bushel measure, fourteen inches in depth, which was filled with water within one and a half inches.

Remains at the Family Home.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The body of Collis P. Huntington, who died Monday at his lodge in the Adirondack mountains, was brought to this city today on a special train over the New York Central railroad, reaching the Grand Central station at 4:25 p. m.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 16.—Robert B. Hall of South Omaha, Neb., was arrested in this city today upon arrival of the train from the east. Hall is accused of having stolen large sums from firms for which he had acted as collector. He admits having taken the money and says he fled from Omaha to Cheyenne, where he started to enlist in the army.

Boers Are Anxious. CAPETOWN, Aug. 16.—Commandant Prinsloo, who surrendered to General Hunt July 30, has arrived here. He says he is heartily tired of the war and welcomes the prospect of peace. The commandant added that a majority of the Boers were "disgusted with President Kruger." James G. Stowe, the United States consul general, has returned here. Only ten Boers were in the body which attacked his train. The remainder of the command was disposed of foreigners.

AFFAIRS ARE CRITICAL

Officials Realize Seriousness of the Situation in China.

SEVERAL MESSAGES FROM CONGER

General Hope that Early News May Quickly Relieve Present Awful Tension—Chaffee Near Pekin—Belief in Strong Opposition Will Be Met With.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The tension on the Chinese situation throughout the day has been intense, for it is appreciated by officials that the crisis has reached an acute stage which cannot be continued many hours without bringing word of momentous import, determining, either for good or evil, the entire course of events. It has been a day of extreme anxiety, of watching and waiting, with only meager and fragmentary information as to the military and diplomatic phases.

One of the new developments today was the statement that messages are being received from Minister Conger which are not transmitted through any of our officials in China or through the Chinese minister here, but directly to the State department. These messages come by the way of Tai Nan. Some of them cannot be fully deciphered, and for this reason the statement cannot be definitely made that the dispatches sent by the government to Minister Conger are received by him. So far as the messages have been deciphered there is no indication that Minister Conger had received any of those sent by the State department.

During the course of a conversation between Secretary Root and Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German affairs, Mr. Root gained considerable information concerning the route which had to be traversed by the allied armies. Baron Sternberg told him that Tung Chow was a very strong place and if the Chinese army should make a stand at this point the international force would find it quite difficult to overcome the fort and walls. While it is not known what resistance may have been or will be made to the advance at Tung Chow, Secretary Root and other officials would not be surprised to learn of a very serious battle at that place.

Word came early in the day to the Navy department that General Chaffee had reached Matow, about twenty miles from Pekin. This occurred Friday or Saturday, though the dispatch from General Chaffee, sent through Admiral Remy, was not sufficiently definite to locate the exact time of reaching that place. But in any event, three or four days have elapsed since then and there has been time for a still further advance toward the imperial city.

The feeling among officials was shown in the extreme circumspection thrown about the messages relating to China, and it was announced both at the State and War departments that any communications from Minister Conger or the United States consuls concerning affairs in China would not be made public. It was explained that this was in no way due to a desire to keep from the public information of an important character, but was based solely on the fact that the crisis involved so many possibilities of extreme hazard to the legations in Pekin that the greatest caution must be observed against disclosures which would further imperil those in danger. The actual developments of the day consisted of the Remy dispatch heretofore alluded to and one from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai.

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J. M. Head, mayor of Bushville, Tenn., has resigned as a member of the national democratic executive committee, and Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, was selected by National Chairman Jones to fill the vacancy. Editor Hitchcock of the Omaha World-Herald announces himself as a candidate for the United States senate.

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