

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

At Annapolis, Md., the women who pay taxes appeared for the first time as voters a few weeks ago. Of the 679 votes cast only twenty-two were by women.

The managers of Glasgow's Exhibition of next year will have a big job distributing the space without hurting international susceptibilities. The applications for floor-space are already 40,000 feet beyond the accommodation.

Overhead trolley system not only damages underground pipes, but it also injures trees. Wherever a cable touches a branch it rapidly decays and the tree eventually dies. Serious complaints of this nature are made at Bay Ridge, N. Y.

Collis P. Huntington, now that he has bought out his associates in the Southern Pacific railroad, is sole owner of a system embracing ferries, terminals, river and ocean steamboat lines and 7,600 miles of railroad, representing \$350,000,000 of securities and annual earnings gross of \$60,000,000.

Four hundred elk teeth were sold in Spokane, Wash., the other day for \$1,000. The demands of the members of the Order of Elks and the growing scarcity have increased the value of the teeth. Fourteen years ago a Montana man paid only \$50 for an Indian head-dress than contained 800 elk teeth. Last year a similar head-dress containing only 280 teeth sold for \$200.

Sig. Constantino Maes, the Italian archaeologist, says that 3,000 bronze tables, constituting the records of Rome from its foundation to the time of Vespasian, are buried in the marsh at Ostia, near Rome, having been carried to Ostia after being rescued from the fire which devoured the capital in the year 69 of the Christian era. Sig. Maes suggests that the marsh should be completely drained in order to recover this historic treasure.

A Chicago physician has invented for himself a house which he claims to be absolutely noise-proof, that is protected thoroughly against the intrusion of street din, which persist in spite of the existence of an anti-noise ordinance. He has stuffed all the cracks about the doors and windows with strips of rubber, and in order to admit the air has perforated these with zigzag holes. The sound waves are said to die out by repeated reflections in the crooked passages.

Scientific research has just destroyed an interesting piece of ancient history. For centuries Pharsala, in Southern Thessaly, has been regarded as the scene of the famous defeat of Pompey, which gave the dominion of the world into the hands of Caesar. According, however, to the "Messenger" and the "Journal d'Athenes," Capt. Doumaiss, of the Greek Engineers, after an exhaustive study of the ancient battle fields of Thessaly, affirms that beyond question the battle between Pompey and Caesar was not fought at Pharsala, but near the modern Karditza, which is about 50 miles to the north-west.

When prosperity and philanthropy go hand in hand, the progress of a country is beyond question. Germany is advancing in a business way. Her trade operations show increasing capacity for planning and fuller scope in performance. But with the development in material things is noted an increase in gifts for the benefit of schools, libraries, charitable institutions and other objects. The provision of corporations and private manufacturers in aid of employees is a further token of a keener sense of responsibility for the proper use of wealth. The world abounds with articles marked, "Made in Germany." Let not the world forget the good deeds which may be labeled—"Done in Germany."

The writer of a short story in the Century Magazine has invented two phrases that may find a permanent place in political slang. Party platforms do not always express the real sentiments or the intentions of those who subscribe to them. It is easier to promise than to perform the promise. This writer speaks of a "weasel word" as one that sneaks the meaning out of another which is beside it, just as a weasel sucks an egg, leaving only the shell. "Weaseling," he says, is highly expedient because one class of voters will like the weasel, and the other the word that has been weaselled—the egg. The other phrase is "the stained glass plank." Glancing through the window at one point a dog looks yellow, while at another he is green, and not until the window is thrown open can you actually see what the dog is like. Of course windows are not made of "planks" which one can look through—but let that pass.

Chief Wilkie of the United States secret service has received from the Penn National Bank of Philadelphia one of the most dangerous counterfeit \$20 notes that have appeared in a long time, and second only to the celebrated \$100 Monroe head silver certificates, the character of which the treasury experts were for some time unable to definitely determine. The note is of the series of 1880, check letter A, plate number 7, Tillman register, Morgan treasurer. It is a trifle shorter than the genuine, but the most notable defects are in the portrait of Hamilton.

ALIVE AND WELL

Latest News at London Concerning Ministers.

ARE BOMBARDED FOR MANY DAYS

Holding Out and All Safe and Sound—All Women and Children in the British Legation—Purported News From English Minister.

A London, July 31, dispatch says: The admiralty has made public the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Bruce, at Tien Tsin:

"Following message from Pekin: 'British legation, Pekin, June 29 to July 16, repeatedly attacked by Chinese troops on all sides. Both rifle and artillery fire. Since July 16 an armistice, but a cordon is strictly drawn on both sides of the position. Chinese barricades close to ours.

"All women and children in the British legation. Casualties to date, sixty-two killed, including Captain Strouts. A number of wounded in hospital, including Captain Halliday. Rest of legation all well except David Oliphant and Warren, killed, July 21. (Signed) 'MacDonald.'

Sir Chih Chen, Chinese minister in London, has been notified by telegraph that Li Hung Chang, conjunctionally with other viceroys and governors, has memorialized the throne to urge the immediate sending of the foreign representatives under escort to Tien Tsin or the restoration to them of free telegraphic communication with their governments.

Sir Claude MacDonald's welcome dispatch, dated Pekin, July 21, and received in the cipher is accepted on all sides as dispelling any doubts that might still have existed regarding the genuineness of the dispatch.

SITUATION IS BETTER

Word From Consul Fowler at Che Foo Kindles Fresh Hope.

The effect of Monday's news from China was to freshen the hope that the United States government can soon get in direct communication with Minister Conger. The mass of testimony as to his being alive as late as the 23d instant is now so great as to warrant the department in resuming the consideration of projects for the future.

The state department was inclined to regard Consul Fowler's communication, received July 30, as the most valuable piece of confirmatory evidence yet received touching safety of the Pekin diplomats. Up to a late hour no answer had been received to the second Conger message, but in view of Consul Fowler's news the officials were inclined to look forward to an early reply.

Consul Fowler's dispatch was dated Che Foo, July 29, and was as follows:

"A letter from the German legation dated the 21st inst., received at Tien Tsin. German loss is ten dead and twelve injured. Chinese ceased their attack on the 12th. Baron von Ketteler's body said to be safe. The Austrian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially. A letter from the Japanese legation, dated the 23d, arrived at Tien Tsin on the 25th. Ten battalions of Chinese shelled the legations consecutively from the 20th of June and stopped on the 17th of July, but may renew. The enemy are decreasing. The German, Russian, American, British and half of the Japanese and French legations still defended. Japanese say they have food for six days, but little ammunition. The emperor and empress are reported at Pekin."

TALK OF IRISH REBELLION

Circulars Issued at Nationalist Demonstration in Cork.

At the national demonstration held at Cork, Ireland, John E. Redmond, leader of the united Irish party in parliament, made a vigorous appeal for funds to assist the candidates of the party at the forthcoming general election. He publicly repudiated the statement that the united Irish league was opposed to certain Irish members.

William O'Brien and others spoke. During the meeting hand bills were distributed discouraging the work of the army and urging, as England's army was now "discomforted" in South Africa, the demand was ripe for an Irish rebellion.

Suffocated by Gas.

Ernest Scheidel and J. G. Christ, employes at the Peoria glueose factory, went into a tank to wash it out and were suffocated with the gas which had accumulated while the works were idle. Edward Cashin, who attempted to rescue the men, was overcome and had a narrow escape. Christ lost his life in going to assistance of Scheidel.

Rathbone Released on Bail.

Estes G. Rathbone, former director of posts in Cuba, now under arrest on a charge of fraud, furnished bail, Senior Lopez, a wealthy Spaniard, going his bond. Several Spanish merchants came forward and offered to provide the necessary security.

Raise the Price of Gas.

A combination has been effected between the old and new gas companies who have been fighting each other at Peoria, Ill., for some time, and the price has been raised from 30 cents to \$1.15 per thousand. This is a higher price than prevailed when the new company started to compete, and consumers are very indignant.

Paris Hot Spell Broken.

A heavy storm at Paris has effectually broken the hot spell, the longest and most severe that Paris has ever known.

DISASTER IN MEXICAN MINE

Fire Breaks Out and Thirty Lives Are Sacrificed.

A Monterey, Mex., special states that the authorities have been notified of a terrible catastrophe at Matehuala, a thriving mining camp south of Monterey, in the state of San Luis Potosi. Fire broke out in the La Paz mine and before the miners could reach the surface many of them were entombed and either burned to death or suffocated. The fire raged fiercely for several hours.

Eleven bodies have been taken out and others are known to be in the pit. It is thought the loss of life will reach thirty. There is great excitement in the mining town and the number of missing men cannot be accurately determined.

When the fire was discovered Ramon Gomez, the foreman, boldly descended the shaft and went into the burning chamber for the purpose of aiding the unfortunate miners. He was overcome by smoke and perished. His body has been recovered.

MOURN FOR THE KING

All Europe is Shocked by the Assassination of Humbert.

When Queen Margherita of Italy was informed of the king's assassination and death she burst into tears, saying, "It is the greatest crime of the century. Humbert was good and faithful. No person could have loved his people more. He was one who bore ill will to none."

All Europe mourns the death of the good king.

It is learned that Angelo Bressi, the assassin, has lived at Patterson, New Jersey, for over a year. In manners he was quiet. He was employed in the silk works of Hamill & Booth at Patterson. His companion was Garibaldi Sperandio, who, a few weeks ago, shot down his foreman and then shot himself, leaving a letter telling how he had been selected by lot to kill King Humbert, and, having no choice, owing to his living so far away from Italy, killed the foreman instead.

It would seem that Bressi took upon himself the task his friend refused to do.

WILSON STARTS FOR CHINA

Hopes for Concerted Action Among the Powers.

Brigadier General James H. Wilson departed from New York for San Francisco, where he will embark on August 3 on the Japanese steamer America Maru for China. He was accompanied by his aides, Lieutenants J. H. Reeves and G. Soudard Turner.

When asked if he thought that the various foreign forces in China could be merged in a homogenous whole, the general said that such a thing was possible, and that it depended largely upon the skill and tact of the generalissimo. In view of the pressing needs of the situation he said that he felt sure that there would be no great differences in the organization of the allied forces. He said that there would be much preparation required for the advance on account of the scarcity of forage along the routes to Pekin.

COMES WITH CARGO ON FIRE

Clyde Line Steamer Reaches Philadelphia None Too Soon.

The Clyde line steamer Goldsboro, arrived at Philadelphia from New York with a portion of her cargo in flames. The fire started in the forehold and is supposed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion. The Goldsboro was towed to the Camden side of the river and beached in the mud. The fire was extinguished after the hold of the vessel had been filled with water. It is thought that the damage to the ship will be comparatively light, but the loss on the cargo of general merchandise will doubtless be considerable.

LONG FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Soldiers in Cuba Are Anxious to Go to China.

A Santiago de Cuba, July 30 dispatch says: The second battalion of the United States Infantry, Major Borden commanding, left today for the United States by the transport McPherson. The companies at Guantanamo and Baracoa were taken aboard en route. The officers received instructions to prepare warm clothing for a hard winter campaign and to be ready to embark shortly after arriving at New York. All the men are enthusiastic at the prospect of active service in China.

Charged With Killing Son.

A Lampasas, Texas, dispatch says: While going home from Lampasas with his farm, in company with his father, Winifred Shipp, a young man, was shot and killed. A coroner's jury made an investigation, and on the evidence adduced William B. Shipp, the father of the boy, was arrested and jailed on a charge of murder.

Tendered to Wolcott.

The president has tendered the appointment of ambassador to Italy to former Gov. Roger Wolcott of Massachusetts. Mr. Wolcott is supposed to be in France, and the president has communicated with him by cable, so that an early answer is expected.

Killed by Lightning.

James I. Fitzgerald, paymaster in the office of the treasurer of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, at Little Rock, Ark., was killed by lightning during a terrible storm.

May Save the Crop.

The rainfall in Guzerat is good, says a Bombay dispatch, and general prospects have greatly improved. The crops already sown will be saved.

The Exchange hotel at Fort Worth, Texas, was burned. A man named Tom Gibbons was burned to death.

ARE ALMOST SURE

Feeling of Doubt Giving Way to Hope.

LEGATIONS ALIVE, BUT HARD PRESSED

A Message Is Sent July 23—Anxiously Await Succor and Wonder at Delay—Movement on Pekin Soon by Americans and English.

A Washington, July 31, dispatch says: General Corbin today received a dispatch from Lieutenant Colonel Coolidge, commanding the Ninth infantry at Tien Tsin. It came by way of Che Foo and is as follows:

"Tien Tsin, July 27.—Following letter of Lieutenant Colonel Shiba, military attaché at the legation of Pekin, dated July 23, arrived. Tien Tsin 25, at 9 o'clock in the evening:

"Pekin, July 22.—Evening.—We are all awaiting impatiently the arrival of reinforcing army. When are you coming? All legations have been blockaded since 13th last month, and since the 20th we have been attacked continually night and day by the Chinese soldiers from more than ten encampments. By a supreme effort we are still defending. We are daily awaiting with the greatest anxiety arrival of reinforcing army, and if you can't reach here in less than a week's time it is probable that we will be unable to hold out any longer. Emperor and empress dowager appear to be still at Pekin. Were our reinforcements to arrive very probable that they would see to Wan Shoshan. Killed and wounded up to date, eight killed, one captain of infantry, and an ambassador's attaché; seven seriously wounded, the first secretary of legation being one of the twenty slightly wounded. The number of Europeans killed is sixty in all.

"COOLIDGE." Doubt is giving way to a feeling of certainty that the legations are alive, and the feeling prevails that the attack by the Chinese on the legations will not be renewed. They are convinced that the councils of the viceroys in the great southern and central provinces and the advice of Li Hung Chang have had effect, and that whoever is in power in Pekin, whether emperor, empress, Shing, Tuan or Tung, now have been made to see the necessity for the preservation of the legations.

It is understood that American and English troops will soon move on Pekin. The two governments are opposed to longer delay, and are bound to know that their ministers are safe. The energies of this government will be directed and concentrated for an advance on the Chinese capital. A cablegram from General Chaffee who is at Che Foo gives his program, and indicates an immediate forward movement.

It is said the legations have provisions.

JOHN CLARK RIDPATH DEAD

Leading Historian Succumbs After a Long Illness.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, died in the Presbyterian Hospital at New York, from a complication of diseases. He had been a patient in the hospital since April 29.

John Clark Ridpath, LL. D., was born in Putnam county, Indiana, in April, 1841. He was graduated from Asbury, (now Pauw) university, in 1863, taking first honors. After serving as principal of an academy at Thorntown, Ind., and as superintendent of public schools at Lawrenceburg he was called in 1869 to the chair of English literature at DePauw. He was transferred later to the chair of history and political philosophy.

DISCHARGED GUY BARNUM

Commissioners at Columbus, Neb., Say He Is Not Insane.

The commissioners of insanity at Columbus, Neb., have discharged Guy C. Barnum from custody, failing to find sufficient proof in the testimony brought before them to warrant them in depriving him of his liberty.

It was shown that he went to the home of his son Thursday night carrying a dangerous-looking revolver and declared his intention of remaining till morning, but no threat to use the weapon was made, and he testified that he took it with him to shoot rabbits the next day.

CONSTITUTION FOR CUBANS

War Department Issues Orders for an Election.

The war department has issued an order for a general election to be held in Cuba on the third Saturday in September to elect delegates to a convention to be held in Havana on the first Monday of November. This convention is to frame and adopt a constitution for the people of Cuba.

Leg Broken.

While riding her bicycle Mrs. George Jones, of Huntley, Neb., fell, breaking her leg a short distance above the ankle.

Under Horses Hoofs.

J. O. Johnson, a farmer living a mile and a half south of Hastings, Neb., was dangerously injured. He drove over to a farmer's near by to get a load of straw, and as soon as he had it loaded he picked up the lines and attempted to get onto the wagon, but before he could reach the top of the load the horses started, pulling him down and trampling all over him. He had one leg broken, and several ribs smashed. One wagon wheel passed over his head and cut it up so badly that it is feared he will die.

ROBBED MAN CAUSES SCENE

Rushes Through Sioux City Streets Brandishing Revolvers.

Three Illinois men, James C. Murphy, of Chicago, George Jarvis of St. James and Charles Mundy are in jail, charged with robbing Frank Kroiwski of Milwaukee of \$350. Kroiwski, after the alleged robbery, rushed into a gun store and seized two revolvers which he loaded as he ran into the street. Brandishing the weapons he dashed down the crowded street, scattering pedestrians by random shots in the air. Finally he was corralled by the police and locked up. The alleged robbers were captured later. Mundy claims to be a brother of a prominent Iowa politician whose name he refused to disclose. The men will be arraigned.

BYRD IS AMBUSHED

Prominent Politician of Tennessee Assassinated.

Michael Byrd, a prominent farmer living near Magnetic City, N. C., was assassinated from ambush. He died a few hours after having been fired upon. No clew has yet been secured as to his murderers. He was a prominent politician and had many political enemies. It is said he was assassinated within twenty feet of the place where he killed a man four years ago.

Swindlers Arrested in Havana.

Two men and a woman, charged with swindling the North American Trust company out of \$10,000 were arrested in Havana, Cuba. The chief of the gang to which they belong escaped to Cardenas, but his arrest is expected. All are Spaniards. The chief, who was released from jail in January, had an office near the offices of the trust company, and the gang had made preparations to pass various forged checks, particularly one on the engineers' department that had been raised from \$90 to \$6,000. Counterfeit American money was found in the possession of those arrested.

Rev. William Dexter Wilson Dead.

Rev. William Dexter Wilson, D. D., LL. D., H. D., died at his son's home in Syracuse, N. Y., of old age. He was born in Stoddard, N. H., in 1816, was graduated from the Harvard divinity school in 1838, was for three years a Unitarian preacher and then joined the Episcopal church. He was professor in Geneva college (now Hobart) from 1850 to 1858, leaving there at the request of his former pupil, Andrew D. White, to become registrar of Cornell university and professor of moral philosophy. Since 1886 he has been emeritus professor of Cornell and head of St. Andrew's divinity school of Syracuse.

Head Crushed in Fly Wheel.

The sixteen-year-old stepson of William Otto, a well-known grain dealer of Charleston, York county, fell into the fly wheel of the engine at the elevator and his head is so badly crushed that it is not thought he can live. The boy was found at 6 o'clock, when the elevator hands closed down for the day. It is not known how long he was in the wheel. Up to a late hour he was still unconscious. The attending surgeons say that he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Sold or Killed.

Sergeant Herbert Douglas, company F, Third infantry, of Joliet, Ill., and Private Plovman, of the same company, were left in Springfield, Ill., when the regiment left for home. Demoss wrote home for money, but it did not come, so he and Plovman undertook to beat their way home, and boarded a Chicago & Alton freight train. While walking on top of the cars near Sherman, Demoss fell between the cars and was killed, his body being terribly mangled.

Investment Company Appeals.

The Clark & Leonard Investment company has appealed from a dismissal of a mandamus suit in the district court of Scott's Bluff county to the supreme court. The company had a judgment for \$428 against the county of Scott's Bluffs and the county treasurer having refused to pay the money a mandamus suit was instituted in the lower court.

Kick of Horse May Cause Death.

A ten-year-old son of George Whitaker of Albion was kicked in the head by a horse and is now lying in a critical condition with a fracture of the skull. It appears the boy was driving the horses from the cornfield, where they had strayed, and running up behind, struck one of them, which resulted in his injury.

Shoots Himself.

Guy Hunt, an Elk Creek, Neb., lad of fourteen years, accidentally shot himself through the foot. He and a number of other boys were out shooting with a target rifle when Guy went to shoot a frog and hit his foot instead. The bullet went through his foot, but fortunately did not strike any bones.

General Gage's Report.

Adjutant General Gage of the G. A. R. has finished his quarterly report, which shows a total of 268 posts at the end of June and 6,146 members in good standing. The amount spent for charity was \$110, and seventeen persons received relief.

New Company Formed.

The Nebraska Elevator company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, the incorporators being John B. Wright, E. R. Spencer, Thomas Worrall, and O. H. Eggleston. The company is to operate a line of elevators along the Union Pacific road.

Held Up.

Two masked highwaymen held up and robbed Motorman Arthur F. Jenkins at Thirty-third and O streets, Lincoln, Neb. The robbers secured \$6.10 in money as a result of their work.

LOSING FAITH IN CHINESE

Washington Authorities About Ready to Quit Hoping.

A Washington, July 27 dispatch says: There were no developments yesterday to warrant the assumption that there will be the slightest improvement in the Chinese situation. Indeed, the general tenor of the news that found 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 publicity by the navy department, 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 come to our government contradictory to 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.

LONDON GETS WORD.

Li Hung Chang Says Ministers Have Left Pekin.

A London, July 27 dispatch says: The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"Li Hung Chang now states that some members of the legations have already left Pekin and may be expected shortly. He is becoming angry at the skepticism of the consuls. 'The impression is gaining ground here that the ministers of the powers to whom China has applied for mediation may still be alive. The representatives of France, Japan, Russia and the United States have visited Li Hung Chang, but the others still keep aloof.'

AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD HERO

Saves An Elder Brother, But Is Drowned Himself.

Freddie, the eleven-year-old son of William Nigh, a prominent stockman living ten miles north of Alliance, was drowned in a strange manner. He and his brother, thirteen years old, were herding cattle on the range and thought they would paddle in a shallow pond of water near by, but unfortunately the middle of the pond was an old well.

Into this well the older brother slipped and was saved from drowning only by the heroic efforts of little Freddie, who in the struggle got into the same hole and owing to his elder brother's exhaustion and fright was drowned before he could be helped. Assistance from a distance was called after the boy had regained presence of mind, but in vain. Mr. Nigh went to Alliance to make funeral arrangements and telegraphed for the mother in the east, but unexpectedly met her on the midnight train.

At Mob's Mercy.

In a riot at New Orleans one negro was beaten to death, six were so badly wounded that their lives are despaired of, and about a score of people, white and black, male and female, have been more or less seriously wounded. It seems to be simply a hoodlum element strongly bent on making trouble for the negro race. Special policemen were sworn in, 1,500 militia were ordered out to suppress the rioters.

Injured in a Wreck.

Blaine Johnson was fatally and two others seriously injured in a wreck on the Southern Pacific three miles east of Beaumont, Tex. While running at full speed the axle of the tender suddenly snapped and all the coaches and the first Pullman left the track and turned over an embankment. There were many narrow escapes and several passengers received slight injuries.

Business Man a Suicide.

Henry Overmire, a retired business man of Yorktown, Ind., committed suicide. He shot himself five times with a revolver. Being ousted from the presidency of the Yorktown Natural Gas company, he imagined that life long friends had gone back on him and constant brooding over it unbalanced his mind.

Garments for Soldiers.

An order for 110,000 garments was received at the United States quartermaster depot at Jeffersonville, Ind. The garments will consist of different articles of men's apparel. As soon as the materials arrive a force of 1,200 men will be put to work. The garments will be sent by fast freight to Seattle and thence to the orient.

Many Drowned.

Passengers arriving on the steamer Cottage City, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., from Alaska ports, report that the stern-wheeler, Florence III, had been caught in a storm on Lake Labarge and was capsized. There were 150 passengers aboard. Forty are reported drowned.

The Large Stock Farm of J. L. Walters.

The large stock farm of J. L. Walters, west of Rising City, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The loss will be about \$600. It is not learned whether there was any insurance or not.

More Troops for China.

Four companies of the Eighth infantry, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Ellis arrived in St. Paul from Cuba, and went at once to Fort Snelling, where the entire regiment is being gathered, preparatory to sending two battalions to China.

Will Be Sent to China.

The second infantry arrived at Fort Thomas, near Cincinnati, from Cuba, on three special trains. Each company will be recruited to 128 men and sent to China soon.