

CHINA MAKES MOVE

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS SOON TO START.

ARE PAVING THE WAY FOR ACTION

Finalism of Boxers First to be Discussed—Cablegram From Minister Conger. But Its Contents Not Made Public—Other News.

A Washington dispatch says: For the first time in three days Minister Conger was heard from at the state department October 18. He communicated by cable the substance of certain propositions advanced by Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang as a basis for the conduct of negotiations for a settlement of the Chinese trouble. The Chinese government already has prepared the way for these by a preliminary action looking toward the punishment of Chinese officials guilty of complicity in the boxer uprising and, while the text of Mr. Conger's communication is not made public, it is believed that the latest Chinese advice is addressed to some of the propositions contained in the French note, being in the nature of counter proposals and proceeding upon the theory that what has been done in the matter of punishments is sufficient to meet the demands from the powers in that respect.

Minister Wu called at the state department by appointment and had a long conference with Secretary Hay. The Secretary previously had spent an hour with the president at the white house, presumably in the consideration of Mr. Conger's communication, and it is believed that Mr. Wu was called to the department to throw light upon some of the detailed proposition.

There is reason to believe that the government will take favorable action upon the latest proposition of the French government presented yesterday through the French charge d'affaires, M. Thiebaut. This contemplates the opening of negotiations on those points which the powers are agreed upon, leaving to the ministers at Peking the details of working out a further agreement on those points which the powers made reservation upon.

The basis of the negotiations would be the French note delivered on October 4, together with the replies of the other governments. This would make practically two negotiations going on at the same time, one concerning the points of agreement, which would have to be adjusted with China, and the other by the ministers at Peking, with a view to securing an agreement previous to submitting it to China. There is felt to be no inconsistency in having this double work proceed concurrently and it has the advantage of getting the peace negotiations under way.

GAIN OF HUNDRED PER CENT

Marked Increase in the Population of Arizona.

The census bureau has made public the returns of population for the territory of Arizona. The population of the territory in 1900 is 122,212, as compared with the population of 1890 of 59,620. This shows an increase during the decade of 62,592 or 104.9 per cent. The large increase is due in part to the fact that there were 28,469 Indians and 154 other persons, or a total of 28,623 persons on Indian reservations in Arizona, who were specially enumerated in 1890 under the provisions of the census act, but were not included in the general population of the territory at that census.

TRAGEDY IN THE MILITARY

Husband Dies of Yellow Fever and Wife Commits Suicide.

The remains of Major Matt. R. Peterson, United States volunteer, who died from yellow fever at Las Animas, and those of his wife, who killed herself shortly after Major Peterson's death, were interred at Havana with military honors. The flags at El Morro and on all public buildings were at half mast. The tragic occurrence has greatly depressed the whole military community in Havana. Mrs. Peterson was the daughter of a prominent business man of Cincinnati.

Potato Crop of the Country.

The potato crop of the United States, according to the Orange Judd Farmer's final report in its issue of October 20, at the practical completion of the harvest, approximates 239,000,000 bushels, or nearly 5,000,000 bushels less than last year. The total area under this crop is placed at 2,807,000 acres, average yield eighty-three bushels per acre, against eighty-two bushels in 1899.

Vice Consul Dead.

The state department has received a telegram from Mr. Lay, consul general of this government at Barcelona, advising it of the death of Dwight T. Reed, who was appointed vice consul of the United States at Madrid May 25, 1899.

Finding More Bodies.

One month and ten days have gone since the storm at Galveston, Tex., and still the number of dead bodies being recovered daily does not decrease. The total number of bodies officially reported to have been recovered is 2,907. A great many bodies were found, however, of which no report was made. It is not known how many were carried out to sea or to the mainland, or how many still remain under the debris. There is no reason to reduce the former estimate of the loss of life.

FLOOD SWEEPS TOWN AWAY

Guadalupe, in Old Mexico, Wiped Out of Existence.

An El Paso, Tex., dispatch of October 19 says: News of the destruction of the town of Guadalupe, Mex., forty miles below El Paso in the Rio Grande basin, by a clud burst, reached Jaurez by a runner who was sent to beg aid for the starving inhabitants. Guadalupe was a village of 300 people and they depend solely on their crops and domestic animals for subsistence. So suddenly did the torrent of water come down from the hills that everything they possessed was swept away and they were only able to save their lives by fleeing to the foothills.

MEET DEATH BY DROWNING

Four or Five Persons Go Down by Capsizing of Life-boat.

Four and probably five persons met death by drowning in Golovin bay, off the town of Chenik, recently, as a result of the capsizing of a lifeboat of the San Francisco steamer Albion. The known victims are: Gus Rudd, San Francisco; Jos. Gannish, residence unknown; D. Clancy, residence unknown; Carpenter Wishard, residence unknown. Eighteen people entered the lifeboat to ride from Chenik to the Albion, which was a mile away. The boat was rigged with a sail. The wind was strong. Two hundred yards from the Albion the lifeboat capsized. The Albion's crew went to the rescue and saved all but four or five.

TO AGREE ON ELECTION LAW

Anti-Goebel Democrats May Force Opponents to Terms.

The conference committee which has been considering the disagreement between the two houses of the legislature at Frankfort, Ky., and which has been unable for the last few days to reach an agreement, has agreed on a report, which foreshadows the passage of an election law this week.

A compromise substitute offered by the anti-Goebel democrats was adopted by the conference committee, 16 to 4, and it is nearly certain the bill will now pass. The bill gives the republican control of the county election boards in republican counties and the democrats control in democratic counties. The new law will not apply to the November election.

CELEBRATE A GOOD YEAR

Indians Holding a Many Days' Feast at Turtle Lake, Wis.

Hundreds of Indians are holding a dance and feast near Turtle Lake, Wis., in the vicinity of which great cranberry marshes form a means of livelihood for a great portion of the residents. The pow-wow is held in celebration of the end of a successful cranberry season and other events known only to those who pay to participate in them. For several days past many Indians have passed through La Crosse on their way from Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas and other western states to attend the dance.

KILLS AN INVALID HUSBAND

Tragic Finale Follows Years of Constant Suffering.

A Berlin dispatch says: A sensational case is reported from Nnesslich, near Dresden. Eighteen years ago a railway official named Ditterich was run over there. He had remained ever since in a cataleptic condition. Scores of noted physicians, after examining him, had declared themselves unable to explain the phenomenon. The other day his wife shot and killed him and then hanged herself.

Raid on Dowle Meeting.

Bands of medical students raided the meeting held by John Alexander Dowle the zionist, of Chicago. Groups of them at London, O., bellowed interruption and jeered in chorus. Mr. Dowle violently denounced the disturbers and sent for the police. The latter entered the hall during the scene of uproar and arrested six of the students which restored order.

Killed by Accident.

R. Hersey Kennett, a wealthy and prominent sportsman and cattle-owner of Helena, Mont., accidentally shot and killed himself at Victor. While rummaging through a drawer a loaded revolver fell to the floor and was discharged, the bullet crashing through his head.

Settlers Fear Indians.

Two hundred Unith Indians from Utah have invaded northwestern Colorado on their annual hunt, and as usual on such occasions the settlers are greatly alarmed. Governor Thomas has appealed to the federal authorities to drive the Indians back to their reservation.

Constable Killed.

The Farmers' bank of Nevada, Mo., was entered by three masked men, who dynamited the safe and secured \$3,000. Constable Wm. Maron heard the explosion, fired into the bank to arouse the town, and was shot down by the robbers, who escaped.

Loving Cup for Hobson.

October 19 was military day at the street fair at Montgomery, Ala., the feature being the presentation to Lieutenant Hobson of a loving cup from the people of Alabama. Gen. Joe Wheeler made the presentation speech.

Shows Improvement.

Ex-Secretary Sherman is reported to be resting easily. There has not been any appreciable change in his condition, except that he is a trifle weaker. The bronchial cough from which the patient suffers was less.

BURIED IN THE RUINS

ST. PAUL FIREMEN CRUSHED BY FALLING WALLS.

FOUR ARE DEAD AND TWO ARE INJURED

Explosion of Gasoline Causes a Bad Accident—Big Packing House Burns and Fire Communicates to Several Other Buildings.

As a result of a fire which broke out in the slaughtering pen of A. V. Hinman & Company's packing house at the Minnesota transfer, St. Paul, Minn., shortly after midnight, October 21, four firemen are dead and a number of others injured, and property to the amount of \$450,000 was consumed.

The dead: Second Assistant Fire Chief Wm. E. Irvine.

Lieut. Frank Medey. Burt Irish. Louis Wagner.

The injured: Wm. Field, internal injuries. Andrew Johnson, both legs crushed.

The fire, which is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, spread with great rapidity, fanned by a strong southerly wind, and the firemen were seriously handicapped by lack of water supply, and further by the fact that the long bridge over the railroad track, which furnished access to the scene of the conflagration was torn up while undergoing repairs. From the packing house the flames spread to the warehouse of the Northwestern Lime company, thence to the McCormick Harvester company's large brick warehouse, filled with valuable farm machinery. It was here that the fatalities occurred.

There was a tank containing 200 gallons of gasoline in the rear part of the building and its explosion shattered the walls and buried the men in the debris.

The McCormick Harvester company was the heaviest loser, their loss footing up \$380,000. Of this \$80,000 was on buildings and \$300,000 on stock and notes, all their papers and records being burned. They carried no insurance. The loss of D. M. Robbins, owner of the packing house where the fire started, is placed at \$35,300, which includes the loss on several tenement houses and other buildings. The loss to the Great Northern on cars destroyed foots up \$8,000; Northwestern Lime company, \$15,000; A. V. Hinman & company, lessees of the packing house plant, lost \$4,000 on stock and machinery; the Merriam Park Ice company \$10,000 on buildings and stock and other minor losses which will bring the total to nearly \$450,000.

CAR STRUCK BY AN ENGINE

Accident at Indianapolis Causes Injury to Many.

A Lake Erie & Western switch engine struck a street car at Thirteenth street, Indianapolis. There were twenty-one passengers in the car at the time and of this number fifteen were more or less injured, two of them perhaps fatally. The engine struck the front end of the car, reducing it to splintered wood and carrying it fully twenty feet away, finally throwing it against a freight car standing on a side track. One whole side was torn out and the car was turned completely over. The passengers, many of whom were in the demolished end of the car, were pinned down by the broken timbers. The doors could not be opened, and the less injured people, in their mad rush to escape, trampled over those unable to help themselves. To add to the confusion the steam from the engine enveloped the wrecked car, and it was with great difficulty that the work of rescue was carried on.

The wrecked car was returning from Brightwood and had on board a number of people who had been attending a republican meeting. When the tracks were reached the conductor, Harry Kraus, went ahead as usual to see that the road was clear. A Monon engine, going north, passed the crossing, drowning the noise made by the Lake Erie engine, and Kraus was unable to see the engine until too late.

PLOT AGAINST LIFE OF CZAR

Plan to Wreck Railroad Tunnel While He Travels.

The Sebastopol correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph sends details of an alleged plot about a month ago against the life of Emperor Nicholas. It appears that about a fortnight before the czar and czarina began their journey to the Crimea, a student at Moscow university, son of a post captain of the Black sea fleet, was arrested for digging in a suspicious manner in the vicinity of a railway tunnel near Sebastopol. The police after the arrest, found a large quantity of explosives where they would have inevitably wrecked the tunnel when the imperial train was passing.

The correspondent says there are certainly indications that the plot was one of those concerted by the Bresci group of anarchists.

Election Bill is Passed.

The two houses of the Kentucky legislature passed the non-partisan election law agreed upon by the conference committee and it will go to Governor Beekham. There is no doubt that he will sign it. In the house it received a unanimous vote. In the senate four democratic senators voted for it.

Falls From Window.

Joseph E. Tallis, a Tennessee newspaper man, while asleep fell from the third story of a Quincy, Ill., hotel to the alley below and was instantly killed. His skull was crushed in.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CREED

The Vote on Revision Shows Divergent Opinion.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: The vote of the presbyteries on the question of the revision of confession of faith, as thus far reported is as follows:

For revision only, 30; declaratory statement, 2; supplemental creed, 30; substitute creed, 5; revision and supplemental creed, 10; dismissal of the whole subject, 23; total number of presbyteries voting, 110.

There are 232 presbyteries, including twenty-one in foreign lands, most of which will not vote in time for the report of the committee and there are eight or ten presbyteries which have only one meeting during the year, in the spring.

A report will be presented by the committee to the general assembly, which meets in Philadelphia next May with recommendations. The votes of two-thirds of the presbyteries will be necessary for the assembly to send down any overtures on the subject. The presbyteries voting for revision desire as a rule modifications of certain expressions, such as "elect infants dying in infancy," which they ask to have changed so as to read "infants dying in infancy are included in the election of grace."

The majority of these presbyteries ask that the revision be along the line of the reports submitted by the revision committee of 1892.

Presbyteries which voted for a declaratory statement, desire to have such an explanation of disputed points in the confession as was adopted in May, 1879, by the United Presbyterian church of Scotland, which in connection with the question of salvation of infants has adopted the following:

"In accepting the standards, it is not required to be held that any who die in infancy are lost."

The advocates of a supplemental creed do not desire to do anything with the confession, but simply to add to the confession a brief statement of Calvinistic doctrine in simple language.

SEEKS LIFE OF MAGNATE

John W. Gates Causes Arrest of S. L. Morris.

S. L. Morris was arrested in Chicago for an alleged attempt upon the life of John W. Gates, ex-president of the American Steel and Wire company. When searched at the police station two large revolvers were found concealed in his pockets.

It is asserted that Morris also had designs upon the life of W. J. Brinson, general manager of the Kansas City & Southern railroad, whom Morris, it is alleged, had enticed to this city by means of a telegram purporting to have been signed by Gates, but which he himself had sent. Manager Brinson arrived at the Grand Pacific hotel in accordance with the appointment made in the telegram. Falling to find Mr. Gates he called upon him in the Rookery building. After a hasty consultation the two men decided that Morris originated the scheme, both having received threatening letters from him.

Morris was captured near the offices of the Illinois Steel company, in the Rookery building. He was formerly in the employ of Gates and maintains that the latter owes him \$50,000.

WAR AMONG THE FISHERMEN

Whites and Japanese Engage in Deadly Affairs.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says: The troubles between the white and Japanese fishermen are said to have culminated in a series of murders, the Japanese being the victims. Such is the statement of Richard Gill, one of the best known cannery men of the north, who adds:

"Dead men floated down the rivers on several different occasions with wounds in their heads. There is no doubt of the fact that they were murdered. I saw as many as five bodies myself during the season. Although no one was arrested, the fact that these things were happening was common knowledge among the fishermen."

Fire at Laurel, Neb.

A fire which threatened the entire business portion of Laurel, Neb., occurred late on the night of October 20. It was fought only by a bucket brigade and \$30,000 damage was sustained before it was extinguished. The fire is believed to have been caused by an incendiary and a stranger is detained pending examination. Several people were slightly burned.

Suspicious of Indians.

Much uneasiness is yet felt over the suspicious actions of Chief Chitto Harjo and the band of Creek Indians in the Creek nation. Indian officials have been sent to the scene to make investigation of the reported rebellion. The Indians are said to be holding a council in defiance of the laws of the Creek nation and trouble is feared.

Illinois Baptists.

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the state Baptist association is in session at Centralia, Ill. Three hundred delegates are present.

Will Move to America.

Seybold & Dickson, of Sheffield, Eng., the largest manufacturers of crucible steel in Great Britain, contemplate moving to America. The move is to get into the American market, and because of the constantly increasing cost of coal in England.

Negro Lynched.

A Plaquemine, La., dispatch says that Miley Jonson, a negro who shot and wounded Conductor Will Jordan of the Texas & Pacific road, near Baton Rouge, was taken from the officers by a mob and hanged.

STATESMAN DEAD

THE BRILLIANT SHERMAN PASSES AWAY.

LONG A PROMINENT NATIONAL FIGURE

Has Been a Member of the House—Was Long a Member of the Senate, and Has Twice Been Called to the Cabinet—Other News.

A Washington, Oct. 22 dispatch says: Hon. John Sherman, former representative in the house, for a long term a member of the senate and twice holding cabinet positions, died at his residence in this city shortly before 7 o'clock this morning in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

His death had been expected for days and loving friends gave him their unremitting care and attention to the end. The immediate cause of his death was described as brain exhaustion incident to extreme weakness, due to old age and to severe attacks, of sickness, from which he had suffered for the past year and a half.

Since Saturday afternoon Mr. Sherman has been most of the time unconscious, rallying partially at intervals, when slight nourishment was given him. Yesterday afternoon evidences of the approaching end were manifest and he failed to regain consciousness after 3 o'clock, passing away peacefully just after dawn broke. About 1 o'clock this morning he rallied somewhat from the stupor and turned himself over in bed, but after that he gradually sank until the end came.

Mr. Sherman had not been in robust health for considerably over a year. In March, 1899, while on a pleasure trip to the French and Spanish West Indies, in company with a relative, Mr. Frank Wiborg, he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, which almost proved fatal.

John Sherman was born at Lancaster, O., May 10, 1823. He was educated at Howe's academy and was admitted to the bar May 11, 1844. He was married August 30, 1848, to Ceelia, daughter of Judge Stewart, at Mansfield, O. He was a delegate to the national whig conventions in 1848 and 1852.

From December 3, 1855, when he took his seat in the house of representatives as a member of congress from Ohio, until April 26, 1858, when he retired from public life, he was a man of prominence in national affairs.

Rutherford B. Hayes appointed Mr. Sherman secretary of the treasury in March, 1877. Under the law specie payments were to be resumed on January 1, 1879. Before that time Mr. Sherman had accumulated \$150,000,000 in gold in the treasury. When the republican national convention met in 1880 Mr. Sherman was nominated for president by James A. Garfield, who himself secured the nomination. In 1881 Mr. Sherman returned to the senate and served there continuously until the beginning of the present administration.

He resigned from the senate in March, 1897, to enter Mr. McKinley's cabinet, and he took up his new executive duties apparently fully equipped to do the hard work of the office of secretary of state in his accustomed able manner. His heart, however, never appeared to be fully in his new duties, and five days after the war began he tendered his resignation to President McKinley and retired to private life.

Train Partially Wrecked.

Eight persons were injured by the partial wrecking of a Lake Shore & Michigan Southern excursion train at Forty-fourth street, Chicago. The injured:

Mrs. E. Sloat, Three Rivers, Mich., arms and knees bruised; C. R. Mercer, Goshen, Ind., right leg bruised, hand cut; Mrs. Henry Alling, Elkhart, Ind., arms and shoulders injured, Walter Mengle, Adrain, Mich., leg cut; W. H. Bowers, Adrain, Mich., head and shoulder injured; Mrs. Nelson, Goshen, Ind., left arm skinned, hand bruised; Wm. Slattery, brakeman, arm bruised; Miss Ella Johnson, Kalamazoo, Mich., head bruised.

A misplaced switch caused the accident.

Burning Up the Wreckage.

The Galveston fire department has commenced the work of burning the immense drifts of wreckage from the hurricane of September 8. Hundreds of bodies and thousands of dollars worth of valuables will be thus cremated. It is considered the only practicable way of cleaning up the city. The work is expected to be finished inside of a week.

Dies at Age of Eighty-six.

Ephraim Glazier, one of the oldest settlers of this part of Nebraska, died at the residence of his son, D. E. Glazier, in Edgar, Neb., October 20. He was eighty-six years of age and had been a helpless invalid for a number of years. His funeral occurred from the residence of D. E. Glazier. The Masons conducted the services at the grave. A large number of friends from a distance were in attendance.

Fifty Killed.

According to a St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Express fifty persons were killed and many others terribly scalded, October 22, by a boiler explosion on board the steamer Eugene, running between Tomsk and Barnaul.

Dreyer Found Guilty.

The supreme court of Illinois handed down a decision sustaining the lower court in finding former Banker E. S. Dreyer of Chicago guilty of withholding from his successor in office \$319,000 of West Park board funds.

NOTED AUTHOR STRICKEN

Charles Dudley Warner Drops Dead at Hartford.

Charles Dudley Warner of literary fame, one of the owners of the Hartford Courant, died suddenly at Hartford, Conn. Mr. Warner had a severe attack of pneumonia two years ago while in New Orleans and had never fully recovered from it. Last spring he had pneumonia again while at his home and this had weakened his heart. At noon October 20, he attended a luncheon to bid farewell to some friends about to leave for the Mediterranean. Mr. Warner was cheerful and gave no indications of illness. After the luncheon Mr. Warner started on a walk. Among his acquaintances was a colored man, to whom Mr. Warner gave books to encourage his desire to read. Mr. Warner probably intended to call on this man as he was in the neighborhood of his house when he was stricken. Probably feeling ill he asked leave at a house to sit down, then to lie down, requesting to be called in ten minutes. When the woman of the house went to call him he was dead. News of his sudden death spread rapidly and was a great shock to his many friends.

KENTUCKY IN GOOD SHAPE

Nothing Radically Wrong With Turrets of Battleship.

A Washington dispatch says: A report was received at the navy department from Captain Chester of the battleship Kentucky, explaining the reason for the delay in the departure of the big ship from New York harbor. The report was purely technical and indicates that there is nothing of substance wrong with the turrets of the battery. All necessary repairs can be made on shipboard and the chief of ordnance dispatched some of the experts from the shops at Washington navy yard to New York to make the adjustments. The Kentucky sailed from New York.

Anyone Can Sell Them.

The Illinois supreme court has knocked out that section of the pharmacy law which prohibits small grocery and country merchants from selling patent and proprietary medicines. The case was that of Theodore Noel of Chicago, who was fined in the circuit court. The supreme court reverses the decision of the lower court, deciding the section of the act void which denies to any person the right to operate a store for the sale of patent or proprietary medicines unless he be a regular pharmacist, except upon permit from the state board of pharmacy, the court holding that the legislation is in the interest of the favored few and therefore class legislation and void, in that it does not require a pharmacist to make any analysis or examination of said medicines.

Her Defender Murdered.

Thomas J. Griffin, a clerk employed by N. K. Fairbanks & Co., was shot and instantly killed while attempting to protect Miss Fay Gilbert from the attack of a strange man, in front of No. 2330 State street, Chicago. When the stranger saw that Griffin was about to interfere with his designs on Miss Gilbert he drew a revolver. Unmindful of the threatening muzzle of the weapon the shipping clerk grappled with the assailant. In a moment he fell to the sidewalk with a bullet through his brain. The murderer escaped.

Baroness Von Ketteler at Detroit.

Baroness Von Ketteler, the widow of the German ambassador to China, arrived in Detroit October 21, and was immediately driven to the residence of her father, Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad. No one was permitted to see her.

When seen at his residence Mr. Ledyard said that the baroness was suffering from nervous prostration but stood the journey from Peking to Detroit as well as could have been expected.

No Murder Charge.

A Chicago, October 22 dispatch says: F. Wayland Brown, Frank H. Smiley and Dr. August M. Unger, charged with conspiracy to defraud insurance companies through the death of Marie Deffenbach, were indicted by the grand jury. Probably no murder indictments will be voted, as it is stated by members of the jury that the investigation is closed unless more potent testimony develops pointing to the murder of Miss Deffenbach.

Calls a Cabinet Meeting.

Count von Buelow, by formal letters has apprised the bundsrath of Prince Hohenzollern's retirement and of his own appointment as imperial chancellor and president of the Prussian cabinet. He has called the first session of the Prussian cabinet for tomorrow. Prince Hohenzollern is expected to arrive tomorrow evening to take his formal leave of office. The bundsrath and Prussian cabinet will give dinners in his honor.

President McKinley sent a message of condolence to the family of ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson, who died at Lexington, Va.

Charles B. Eastman, instructor in zoology at Harvard, was arrested at the Parker house, Boston, and taken to the house of correction at Cambridge. It is understood that he is indicted for murder in connection with his brother-in-law, Richard Egan, in July from a bullet from a revolver used by Eastman claims the shooting was accidental.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland, with President Kruger on board, sailed from Lorenzo Marquez October 20. It will call at Dar-es-Salaam, Tangu, Jibuti and Marsellea.