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### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* France is going to send two more cruisers to China.

Sir Thomas Farrel, the famous sculptor, died at Dublin. General Wood has sent in a long list of deaths from yellow fever.

The Oregon cannot be repaired at Port Arthur. The dock is too small An electric car at Webster, Mass. A steep grade. Three men fatally hurt. The social democrats of Connecticut named their state officers at eNw Ha-

The Christian Endeavorers were late in getting started from New York.

job as inspector general of the French army. Charles Higgins, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe road,

General Jamont has passed up his

is dead. The Coal Exchange store at Scranton, Pa., went up in smoke. Loss,

\$125,000. The Arions of Brooklyn won the Kaiser Wilhelm prize in the Brooklyn Saengerfest.

The British are running up against heavy roads in the march to the relief of Kumassi.

The Burlington is going to extend its road west from Guernsey into the Mormon state. A Cincinnati electric car whirled

around a bend and jumped the track. One man was killed. Ignatius Comiskey, brother of Char-

ley Comiskey, the famous baseball man, died in Chicago.

A couple of frieght trains mixed up at Medicine Bow, Wyo., and considerable damage was done.

Kid Broad was given his fight with Dave Sullivan of Ireland, at the Seaside Athletic club. Sullivan fouled. The Pennsylvania railroad has purchased the Allegheny Valley and the

Western New York & Pennsylvania roads. The Indiana Supreme Court held in a case from Grant county that the pumping of natural gas from gas wells

is illegal. Rev. John Stahley died suddenly on his farm near Danvers, Ill., aged 73. He was a prominent minister of the Menonites.

Mr. Booker T. Washington has decided to assist in forming a national league to assist the negro to enter business life.

David Bell, formerly one of the best known lumber men of Canada, is dead at his home in New York city, aged

79 years. At Sycamore III. Mrs C D Rennett, widow of the founder of the Geneva mills, died suddenly from pneumonia, aged 65 years.

Charles Krickaka, of Philadelphia. inhaled smoke from another man's cigarette, broke a blood vessel by caughing and died.

At Marietta, Ga., Col. L. N. Trammell, president of the Georgia railroad commission and prominent in public life in the south, died.

The lone robber is becoming popular. The passengers on the Burlington near Billings were relieved of considerable coin by one.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutherford Morris, the latter a daughter of Senator Clark, sailed for Europe to join Mr. and Mrs.

E. M. Culver on a yachting trip. New Orleans has gone exposition mad. They are planning an interoceanic exposition to be held on the completion of the Nicarauguan canal.

Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn has announced to his friends his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Senator Thurston, of Nebraska.

Mrs. Moses Ledford, who resides a Lone Grove, Ill., was burned to death near Center, where she was visiting. While she was lighting a fire with coal oil the can exploded.

he failure of the Rochester and Pittsburg coal corporation to comply with portions of the Altoona scale threatens a walkout of 20,000 miners in the Cambria and Jefferson fields. Charles Bockman, the ramous horse

breeder, is dead. Joshua Nye, 33 years old, a pioneer settler of Franklin county, Ind., and the oldest member of the illinois So-

ciety of Sons of the American Revolution, died at the home of his daughter at Chicago. Hamilton Smith, a well known New

York mine operator, died at Durham, The first fisticuff of the campaign from an argument over politics oc-

curred near New Albany, Ind., between prominent farmers, James Truesdale and Henry Wolfe. The argument was over the expansion issue. The Alabama miners have decided

not to strke. Oklahoma is now shipping several thousand bushels of peaches a day to northern cities, and the people of the territory are reveling in the luscious

fruit from 6 to 10 inches in circumference at from 30 to 50 cents a bushel. Rear Admiral Barker has been elected to fill the job left vacant by the demise of Rear Admiral Philip. At Independence, Kan., Ralph C

Harper, a prominent clazen, was adjudged insane. Harper is an old nawspaper man, having founded the Dally Reporter of that city twenty years ago He recently changed his politics.

Fire destroyed the rag mill of the Plover Paper company at Stevens' Point, Wis., Loss, \$75,000.

Lady Randolph Churchill's wedding to Cornwallis West has been postponed indefinitely as the young man has been ordered to join his regiment in South

The Washington statue had been

unveiled in Paris. In the English house of lords the government was defeated, 62 to 59, on a motion of Viscount Templeton (conservative) to appoint a royal commission to consider the claims of Irish landlords for compensation for injuries suffered by legislation since 1881.

# CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN | WERE SAFE ON JULY 4

Foreign Consuls Issue Statement Regarding Legations at Pekin.

#### GEN. WARREN'S ADVICE DOUBTED

Allied Forces Will Soon Have at Least 50,000 Troops in China. - Prince Tuan Sends a Large Army to Attack the City

LONDON, July 9 .- The foreign consuls at Shanghai met on July 7 and officially announced that the legations at Pekin were safe on July 4. The foregoing statement, read with Consul Warren's dispatch to the foreign office on Saturday, makes it possible to believe that the legations will hold out for a number of days yet. Having fought to a standstill the first outbursts of fanatical fury, it is believed that something may intervene to save them. The news, after the sinister rumors of the last ten days, is enough upon which to build up hopes. The Shanghai correspondent of the Express telegraphing on Sunday at 5:10 p. m., however, throws doubt upon Consul Warren's information. He says:

"Tao Tai Sheng now admits that there was an error in his communication to General Warren. The date of the courier's arrival at Chinen Fu was July 3, which does not apply to his departure from Pekin. The journey from Pekin to Chinen Fu occupies five days. The courier, therefore, could not have left Pekin later than June 28.

"The date of the massacre, according to Chinese reports, was June 30 or July 1.'

Tien Tsin is still hard pressed. A Chinese force numbering from 80,000 to 100,000 men, as estimated by conculsive reconnaissances, floods the country, Communication between Tien Tsin and Taku is apparently possible by river only.

A Che Foo dispatch to the Express says the Russians have landed 8,000 men at Taku and the Japanese have discharged several transports. The Japanese pushed on to Tien Tsin, leading in the subsequent assault upon the native city, in which their commander was killed. More transports are engaged at Japanese ports. With the 10,000 British India troops affoat and fresh Japanese contingents it is quite probable that the allies will have 50,-000 men ashore.

The disorders in the provinces appear to be increasing in violence. A Chinese army is within fifty miles of New Chwang and the foreigners are preparing to abandon their homes. The southern part of the province is swept by raiders, destroying all works of the white man, except in spots garrisoned by Russians.

Proclamations have been posted in all villages near Che Foo calling upon the loyal Chinese to rise and expel the foreigners for introducing among the pious Chinese an immoral religion. Every good Buddhist is expected to kneel three times a day, knock his head on the floor thrice and pray ear nestly that sudden, cruel death may overtake all aliens.

The foreign settlement at Che Foo is at the mercy of two Chinese fortifications equipped with Krupp guns, which command two sides of the city. Six warships, including the United States gunboat Nashville, are constant-

ly cleared for action. The provisional government at Pekin appears to have designs upon the southern provinces. Beside having ordered Kwan Shikai to advance upon Nankin, which Kwan Shikai says he will not do, Prince Tuan has sent an army along the route of the grand canal. Nankin is on the south bank of a river nearly a mile wide. The British cruiser Hermione and Plaue I. will assist in repelling attempts to cross. Six Chinese cruisers are there and 17. 000 Chinese troops are at the disposal of Viceroy Li Kun Yi. The forts mount thirty-four high-power modern guns. The foreigners at Shanghai are becoming uneasy. Everything they feel depends on Viceroy Li Kun Yt.

Refugees from Tien Tsin are arriving at Shanghai and say that only five civllian foreigners were killed during the long Chinese bombardment. The foreign women became so indifferent that they walked through the streets, not heeding the shells. Most of the civilians were deported to Taku, thence to be conveyed to Shanghai.

Federal Marshal is Shot. MOUNT STERLING, Ky., July 9 .-Today word came over the telephone from Maribo, Menefee, county, that Deputy United States Marshal Howard Wilson had been killed and Tip Day and Joseph Bush of this county mortaly wounded and could not live only a few hours. Wilson, accompanied by William Stamper of this pace, had gone in search of Day, who was wanted in Virginia on special charges, including alleged violation of the internal revenue laws. Not far from Martbo, in Menefee county, about thirtyfive miles from here, they came up with Day, James Bush and two women. As soon as the officers made known their business shooting began. Wilson shot Bush through the body and Day shot Wilson through the heart, killing him instantly. Stamper shot Day through the head.

#### Run Down by Train.

ST. LOUIS, July 9 .- George Schoening and William Grab were killed and Fred Frige was probably fatally injured at Columbia, Ill., near here, this afternoon. The three men were in a buggy that was demolished by a train at a Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway crossing.

#### Are Looking for Trouble.

ST. LOUIS, July 9 .- The executive committee of the local branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America have de cided to call a mass meeting to consider the relations existing between the St. Louis Transit company and its employes. It is assserted by the executive committee that the agreement signed by President Whittaker of the Transit company and Chairman Edwards of the strikers' grievance committee, whereby the strike was declared off, has been violated by the former.

#### DEATH LIST STILL GROWS.

Bodies Recovered From Saule Swell

Number of Hoboken Fire Victims. NEW YORK, July 9.-Three more bodies were found today on the Saale. This makes twenty-nine bodies that have thus our been taken from the wreck of the Saale since the fire and 146 bodies in all recovered. The bodies recovered today were found in the second cabin in the after part of the ship and they were horrible sights to look upon. They had very little clothing on and were all victims of the fire. They could not be identified,

Chief Officer Henry Schaeffer, who was in charge today, said he had no idea who the men had seen, but judgfrom the piace where they were found he thinks they were stewards.

The body of a man badly scarred and burned was found at Rockaway Beach tals afternoon and taken to the morgue there. The body is supposed to be that of a victim of the Hoboken disaster.

No bodies were recovered from the Bremen or Main today, although the work of searching was kept up. Dynamite was exploded on the river bed about the wrecks of the piers of the North Geramn Lloyd today with-

out bringing to the surface any more One charge was sent down between the ruins of the Thingvalla line pier and the pier of the Hamburg line, A column of water was hurled into the air and the water agitated for a long distance by the charge, but no bodies

#### MORE VICTORIES FOR BRITISH.

fired, but to no purpose.

Advices From South Africa Indicate Defeats for Boers.

LONDON, July 9.-Late news from South Africa reports that the Boers ineffectually attacked General Buller's escort between Standerton and Heidelburg on Saturday as he was returning from a visit to Lord Roberts.

The Boers attacked Ficksburg garrison at midnight on Tuesday, but were driven off after forty-five minutes fighting. General Brabant, on July 5, occupied Deernborg, between Senakay and Winburg, which served as a base for bands assailing convoys. Colonel Mahon of General Hutton's mounted troops on July 6 and 7 eagaged 3,000 Boers east of Broukerspruit and drove them off. The British casualties numbered thirty-three. Commandant Limmer tried to recapture Rustenburg on July 5, but

was driven back. Thirty-four of the Strathcona Horse, under Lieutenant Anderson, were attacked by 200 Boers east of Standerton on July 6. The British soon took possession of a kopje, upon which they successfully withstood the attacks of the enemy.

LONDON, July 9 .- The Times' Lourenzo Marquez correspondent says. under date of July 7:

"A general movem tlers into Gazaland, Portuguese territory, seems to be in contemplation. Already large herds have been ariven across the border. The Portuguese welcome the movement."

#### STILL FIGHTING IN LUZON.

Filipinos Had 160 Men Killed While

Americans Lose Eleven. MANILA, July 8 .- The last week's scouting in Luzon resulted in eleven Americans being killed and sixteen wounded. One hundred and gixty Filipinos were killed during the week and eight Americans, who had been prisoners in the hands of the rebeis, were surrendered and 100 rifles were turned over to the United States officials.

The enemy ambushed a wagon train between Indang and Naic. The Third infantry lost nine men, while on an expedition to punish the Ladrones in the Delta of the Rio Grande.

In the Antigua province of Panay a running fight of three hours' duration resulted in the killing or wounding of seventy of the enemy. There were no casualties among the Americans.

The insurgents are slowly accepting the amnesty provisions. In some instances the Americans are suspending operations in order to give the rebels an opportunity to take advantage of the decree.

#### Killed in a Peculiar Way.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 9 .- Two persons were killed outright and one seriously hurt last night in a peculiar railroad accident.

Thomas Edwards had his leg so badly lacerated that it will have to be amputated. The victims were on their way home from church and were standing on South Twenty-seventh street, south side, at the end of a blind switch on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, waiting for a long Pan Handle train to pass, The switch which is on grade, was filled with cabooses. The freight broke in two at the switch, supposedly caused by a broken frog. The portion which turned into the switch jammed the line of cabooses through the buffer into the party of church people. Mrs. Edwards was literally cut to pieces. Both legs were cut off, her head was crushed and her entire body was covered with cuts and bruises.

Mr. Morris was not quite so badly mangled, but was dead when picked

Mr. Edwards, who is a prominent contractor, was thrown, and one of his legs caught by a care wheel and crushed so badly that it will have to e amputated.

#### Wheeling Gets a New Line.

CLEVELAND, O., July 6.-The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad company announces its accession to the control of the Coshocton & Southern railroad by the lifting of the receivership and the fact that it will be operated for both freight and passenger business, beginning July 15. The office of the general superintendent has been abolished by the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the operating work di-

# JAPAN HAS FREE HAND

Russia Gives to Government at Tokio Full Liberty of Action.

#### JAPANESE FORCE TO GO TO CHINA

Native Christians Said to Have Been Slaughtered in Thousands - Persons Guilty of Starting Insurrection Are to Be Beheaded.

LONDON, July 7.- The Russian government announces that it will give Japan a free hand to apply military force in China. The terms of this consent are summarized in the subjoined dispatch from St. Petersburg, under date of July 6, in reply to an inquiry fom the Japanese cabinet regarding the dispatch of Japanese troops to China to render aid to the foreigners in Pekin.

The Russian government declared that on May 27 that it left the Japanese government full liberty of action in this connection, as the Tokio cabinet expressed its readiness to act in full agreement with other powers.

It is in consequence of this, no doubt, that Japan is preparing to embark 20,000 more troops.

Political considerations that were thought to have been numbing the action of the powers are thus laid aside were floated. Another charge was for a moment at least, by the government supposed to have the clearest purposes respecting China's futures. Japan's dispatch of troops now can have little bearing on the fate of the foreigners in Pekin.

Baron Hayashi, the new Japanese minister, who arrived in London recently, said that ten days would probably be required for the carrying of troops to China. His dictated statements contained these sentences:

If all conditions Japan has asked were conceded I see no reason why Japan should not undertake the task of suppressing the trouble. The powers are all agreed in wishing to put down the rebels, but it does not seem that they are agreed on the means.

From these authoritative utterances It is inferred that Japan does dominate conditions and that the concert of the powers is a little jangled.

Details of further horrors in Pakin are gathered by correspondents at Shanghal from Chinese sources, espacially of the slaughter in the Chinese and Tartar city of thousands of native Christians, so that the capital reeks with carnage. The ruthless thirst for blood is spreading in all the northern provinces and wherever there are native Christians the scenes enacted in the capital are reproduced in miniature. From the capital nothing further comes regarding the legation forces except a repetition that they are all dead.

The correspondents aver that if the Chinese officials in Shanghai wished to therefore the first reports are accepted

Prince Tuan's coup de etat is de scribed by the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail as a sequence to the grand council of ministers, at which Lung Yu advocated the suppression of the Boxers promptly. The dowager empress gave her whole support to Yung Lu and a scene of disorder ensued. Prince Tuan passionately intervened, backed by Kang Yih. They rushed from the council and their partisans raised the cry, "Down with the foreigners." The effect was electrical. The eunichs, palace officials of all sorts and most of the populace took up the cause of Prince Tuan and his agents immediately put the emperor and the dowager empress under restraint.

#### Loss in Gold Con t.

LONDON, July 7.- The colonial office has received from the governor of city from the west the bright morn the Gold Coast colony, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, a dispatch dated Atekewautek, July 6, saying that owing to the non-arrival of the relief column and the reduction of the food supply he had decided to push through the rebels and had deceived the enemy regarding the route followed. The column suffered great privation, but the loss was only six men killed and several wounded.

Governor Hodgson expressed the hope of reaching the Gold Coast in ten days. He added that the suffering at Kumassi was terrible, the mortality from starvation being thirty persons per day. The column of the governor numbers 400 and includes all the Europeans, among them being the members of the Basel mission.

#### More Cuban Teachers Arrive.

BOSTON, Mass., July 3 .- The United States transport Sedgwick, having on board more than 40 female teachers from Cuba, and the third of the fleet bringing instructors to this and pitched from the bridge, striking country for a season of study at Harvard university summer school, ar- of the car crashing the frail upper rived today. Two more transports are yet to come.

#### Don't Like Sipi lo Verd ct.

LONDON, July 6 .- The morning papers generally publish editorials commenting upon the verdict in the case of Sipido, the would-be assassin of the Prince of Wales. The Daily Telegraph says the result of the trial is 'monstrous." The Daily Chronicle declares that it is "an outrage on humanity," and the Daily Mail characterizes it as "a reproach on Belgium."

## Festival at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 7 .- The Northwestern Scandinavian Sangers' association began its annual singing festival in this city tonight with a grand concert. Delegates arrived during the day from North and South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota.

#### Three Persons Drown.

LAKE CHARLES, La., July 6 .- By the sinking of a skiff on the lake today in a rain storm three persons, Mrs. C. J. Phelps, her mother, Mrs.

#### THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—Supplies were unusually large for the day, and included a lot of ver/desirable beeves. There were 158 fresh loads, 3,453 head, the big bulk of them corn-fed beeves. Trade opened out slow. Some of the best cattle sold about steady with yesterday, but the general market was 55/10c lower. Cows and helfers were in light supply good demand and about in light supply, good demand and about steady. Veal caives, bulls, stags, etc., steady. Veal caives, bulls, stags, etc., sold at unchanged quotations. Business in stockers and feeders was very dull, but there was no particular change in quotations. Choice 1,400 to 1,600-lb, beeves, \$5.10 (\$\vec{w}\$5.40; good 1,100 to 1,400-lb, beeves, \$4.90\vec{x}\$6.10; fair to geed 1,000 to 1,250-lb, steers, \$4.50\vec{x}\$4.80; 5.10; fair to geed 1,000 to 1,207, \$4.5094.80; \$4.5094.95; poor to fair steers, \$4.5094.80; good to choice cows and helfers, \$1.200 good to choice cows and helfers, \$4.20% 4.75; fair to good cows and helfers, \$3.60 34.00; common and canning grades, \$2.25@ 3.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$3.25@4.50; calves, common to choice, \$3.00@7.00; good to choice stockers and feeders, \$4.60@4.80; fair to good stockers and feeders, \$4.00@4.80; 4.50; common to fair stockers and feeders, \$3.60@4.00; milkers and springers, \$3.30

Hogs—There were 115 cars, 8,000 hogs, as against 11,500 a week ago and the week's supply, owing mainly to the holiday, are 26,000 smaller than last week. The quality was fair, but there is a decided increase in the amount of light mixed hogs compared with mixed hogs coming, as compared with supplies earlier in the season. The west had 40,000, against 59,000.

The market opened 7½c higher and ruled active until the big end of the supply was exhausted, sales ranging \$5.10 \$6.25, with the bulk at \$5.15\$\tilde{a}5.17\$\tilde{a}5.25 Although provisions opened strong, eastern hog markets reported the early advance lost, and the final wind-up locally was on the same basis, with a few loads still unsold at a late hour. Butcher and heavy hogs. \$5.1565.25; mixed and medium weights, \$5.1065.20; light and light mixed, \$5.1065.17.

Sheep-Only three fresh loads, 702 head were received. There was a good demand from all sources for choice grades at firm figures, but common and stock sheep were slow sale at mean prices. Wethers, \$3.7594.25; ewes, \$3.0094.00; lambs, \$4.5096.50; sheep, \$3.0903.60.

KANSAS CITY. Cattle—Receipts, 2.500; market steady to strong; native steers, \$3.75@5.60; Texas steers, \$2.75@5.30; Texas cows, \$2.00@3.05; hative cows and heifers, \$2.10@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.60; bulls, \$3.25@

Hogs-Receipts, 9,000; market strong to 10c higher, closing weak; bulk of sales, \$5.25@5.22½; heavy, \$5.25@5.37½; packers, \$5.22½@5.32½; mixed, \$5.15@5.30; light, \$5.05 Yorkers, \$5.20@5.25; pigs, \$4.65@ Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady: lambs, \$3,00@5.90; muttons, \$3,00@5.50.

#### BURN UP STANDARD PROFITS.

Several Million Dollars' Worth of Prop-

eriy Destroyed by Fire. NEW YORK, July 6 .- The fire at the works of the Standard Oil company of Constable Hook, Bayonne, N. which started early yesterday, is still raging, and no estimate can yet be made of the damage, though it will run into millions.

The oil from the works is spreading along the upper bay and the Killvon Kull, blazing as it flows, and serious damage is threatened the adjoining property.

Naptha tank No. 7 exploded shortly after 6 o'clock. The force of the explosion smashed windows on the Hook throw light on the real state of affairs and at least one person was throw light on the real state of affairs and several injured. Charles King, in electrician, was the one killed, and John Watso and Owen Drummond, watchmen, were overcome by fumes and smoke, and Fred Mauer was cut by flying glass. They all lived in

Bayonne. The fire was started about 1 o'clock by a bolt of lightning which fell during a terrific thunder and rain storm. It struck squarely in the immense yard of the Standard Oil company, which covers 600 acres of ground. King, the electrician, was struck by the bolt and at the same time it exploded two immense reservoir tanks of crude oil. One hundred men were at work in the yards and whether more were killed is not yet known. The explosion was heard for miles and the heavens were lit up for hours afterward by the flames, which leaped a hundred feet in the air. The column of smoke which rose from the still burning tanks spread out in such a cloud that to those coming to this ing sun was obscured.

### MANY LIVES CRUSHED OUT.

Electric Car With Over 100 Passengers

Jumps Over Sixty-Foot Embankment TACOMA, Wash., July 5 .- The most appalling accident ever known in the history of racoma occurred this morning, when the 8:30 Edison car, loaded with excursionists coming to see the parade, was dashed down sixty feet over the bridge at the gulch where the track runs from Delin street, burying the passengers, among whom were many women and children, under the

wreck of the car. The car turned completely over and mangled the unfortunate victims into unrecognizable shapes, as the debris crashed down the steep side of the gulch. Where the car went off there is a sharp curve, at the foot of a steep grade. Just how the accident occurred will never be known, but as the car struck the curve instead of following the rails it whirled completely over on its top, the heavy trucks and body works to splinters and smashing down upon the mass of men, women and children, with which the car was

#### Two Boys Drowned. PITTSBURG, July 7.-Chester Mc-

Carthy, aged 8, and Reuben Hester, aged 9, were drowned today while on an improvised raft watching the men dragging the river for the body of Clarence Lutz, who was drowned yesterday. The bodies were soon recovered.

#### IN HEART OF BOER COUNTRY.

General Paget Successfully Engages Burghers on Two Days.

LONDON, July 7 .- General Paget is moving toward the heart of the country held by DeWet.

Lord Roberts telegraphed to the war office under date of Pretoria, July 6, 2:25 p. m., as follows:

"Paget engaged the enemy on July 3 successfully at Pleisfontein. He drove them out of a very strong povided between the division superintendents.

Amanda Johnson, and her brother, Alsition across Leeuwkop to Greenerfontendents.

# BACK IN TIEN

Vice Admiral Seymour Makes Official Report of Relief Expedition.

## WEEKS OF BATTLE AND TERROR

Imperial Troops as Well as Boxers Engage Internationals - Chinese Make Treacherous Attack After Professions of Friendliness.

LONDON, July 5.-The commanders of the allies in Tien Tsin inform the correspondents that it would be suicidal to atttempt to reach Pekin with the troops now available in the face of the colossal force of imperial troops and Boxers occupying the country between Tien Tsin and Pekin. So far from taking the offensive, the 12,000 international troops at Tien Tsin and the 8,000 others att Taku and Intermediate points can barely keep up communications, fighting incessantly with overwhelming numbers using far more numerous artillery than the allies.

This telegram has been received: SHANGHAI, July 4.-11:10 a. m.. via Chee Foo.-Tien Tsin city fell between 7 and 8 o'clock on the morning

of June 30. It is understood that Shanghai undoubtedly referred to the native city of Tien Tsin, from which the Chinese have been bombarding the foreign quarter and the dispatch is taken to mean that the allies are now more than holding their own.

Advices received by way of Shanghai aver that the Chinese losses around Tien Tsin are between 7,000 and 8,000, according to official estimates. The correspondent of the Express at Che Foo, telegraphing on Wednes-

day, says Vice Admiral Seymour was wounded while sitting in a house at Tien Tsin by Chinese sharpshooters. Official news received at Che Fooshows that the Chinese nave been guilty of horrible cruelty toward wounded and captured, subjecting them to what is known as ling che, or the slicing process. Under this hideous prac-

tice the bodies of the fallen are mu-Revolting stories are told of the barbarities practiced upon Japanese and European prisoners captured on the way to Pekin, though it is not known that Admiral Seymour lost any prisoners. The Chinese troops marching toward Tien Tsin, the Chinese say, left behind them trails of rapine, fire and blood. Native women were assaulted and children were cut in two.

According to roundabout reports, it is asserted by the Chinese that Prince Tuan is personally directing the assault upon the legations. He conferred honors and gave large sums of money and other presents to the Boxer leaders and the commanders of the troops who drove back Admiral Seymour and also gave money to every soldier taking part in the operation.

An edict of Prince Tuan's has reached Shanghai ordering southern viceroys to assemble the Chinese fleet and to attack the war ships at Shanghai. Japan is reported to be landing an army at Peetaughs, to the northward

of Taku. The Japanese generals are believed to be about to move toward Pekin, following the plan previously formulated. Tao Tai Sheng of Shanghal issued a proclamation on Wednesday which practically forbids foreign war ships approaching the Yang Tse Kiang, saying that if they do so the Chinese au-

thorities will not hold themselves responsible for the consequences. It is considered that the Chinese officials are preparing to evade responsibility if an outbreak occurs. Even Li Hung Chang is suspected. The foreigners are simply aghast at the extent of the Chinese armaments, which have been ystematically accumulated.

#### TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Chinese Emperor Forced by Prince Tuan to Commit Suicide.

SHANGHAI, July 6.—Emperor Kwang-Su committed suicide by taking opium, under compulsion of Prince Tuan, June 19. The empress downger also took poison, but is still alive, though reported to be insane from the effects of the drug.

The foregoing had been officially reported to the German consular staff. Two Manchus who have arrived at Shanghai certify to the truth of the statement that Prince Tuan visited palace and offered the emperor and dowager empress the alternative of poison or the sword. The emperor. they say, took the poison and died within an hour. The dowager erapress also chose poison, but craftily swallowed only a portion of what was offered to her and survived. On the same day the Chinese customs bureau was destroyed, Sir Robert Hart, the inspector of customs, and his staff es caping to the legations,

#### Agree on Wage Scale.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 6 .- The coal operators and miners of Alabama came to an agreement on the wage question today and signed a contract for the year, ending June 30, 1901, based on the contract of the year just ended. Work in all of the mines will be resumed. The blast furnaces that blew out on Monday on account of the suspension of the work at the mines will go in operation the first of next week.

#### Four Little Lives Lost. PHILADELPHIA, July 5 .- A blank

cartri-ge fired at close range by a negro boy into a large collection of fireworks of a highly explosive character cost the lives of four caildren, the probable death of three others and severe burns and laceration to twenty other persons, only two of whom were adults. The explosion occurred in front of the small shop of antonario Mammerello, on Eighth street, in the most thickly populated section. The fireworks were on a stand on the pavement and consisted largely of giant firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets and