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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 Executed.

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 from the Japanese cabinet regarding the dispatch of Japanese troops to China to render aid to the foreigners in Peking.

The Russian government declared that on May 27 that it left the Japanese government full liberty of action in this connection, as the Tokyo 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 for a moment at least, by the government supposed to have the clearest purposes respecting China's future. Japan's dispatch of troops now can have little bearing on the fate of the foreigners in Peking.

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, 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 thing.

Details of further horrors in Peking are gathered by correspondents at Shanghai from Chinese sources, especially of the terrible scenes, as the northern provinces and wherever there are native Christians the scenes enacted in the capital are reproduced in miniature. From the capital news further comes regarding the legation forces except a repetition that they are all dead.

The correspondents aver that if the Chinese officials in Shanghai and Peking throw light on the real state of affairs in the capital they could do so and therefore the first reports are accepted as true.

Prince Tuan's coup d'etat is described by the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail as a sequence to the grand council of ministers, all of which Lung Yu advocated the suppression of the Boxers promptly.

The dowager empress gave her whole support to Yung Lu and a general amnesty was granted to the Boxers. They rushed from the council and their partisans raised the cry, "Down with the foreigners!" and set fire to the legation.

The eunuchs, palace officials of all sorts and most of the populace took up the cause of Prince Tuan and agents in the streets were seen to cheer and the dowager empress under restraint.

IN HEART OF BOER COUNTRY.

General Paget Successfully Engages Boers 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 position across Leeuwkop to Greenfontein, where he bivouacked for the night. He followed the enemy and on the afternoon of July 4 was at Blaauw-kopje, fifteen miles northwest of Bethlehem. He reports that all of Steyn's government officials except the attorney general, who has gone to Vrede, are at Bethlehem, which has been proclaimed the capital. Steyn himself is reported to have taken flight to the mountains.

"Buller reports the line to Heidelberg restored, thus completing every communication between Pretoria and Natal."

Lourenzo Marquez on Friday learned that the Boers are about to be driven from the mountains.

A British force is reported within forty miles of Koomatipoort.

Don't Like Spido Verdict.

LONDON, July 6.—The morning papers generally published editorials commenting upon the verdict in the case of Spido, 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."

Loss in Gold Coast.

LONDON, July 7.—The colonial office has received from the governor of the Gold Coast colony, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, a dispatch dated Attekawak, 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 the enemy toward the coast.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., July 7.—The Western Scandinavian Singers' 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. Amanda Johnson, and her brother, Albert Johnson, aged 11, were drowned.

BURN UP STANDARD PROFITS.

Several Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed by Fire.

NEW YORK, July 6.—The fire at the works of the Standard Oil company

at the Standard Oil company, which started early yesterday, is still raging, and no estimate can yet be made of the damage, though it will run into millions.

The entire plant is almost certain to be consumed.

The oil from the works is spreading along the upper bay and the Kilbuck, which is a fire, and serious damage is threatened to the adjoining property.

Naphtha tank No. 7 exploded shortly after 6 o'clock. The force of the explosion smashed windows on the Hook and at least one person was killed and several injured. Charles King, an electrician, was the one killed, and John W. 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.

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 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 those coming to this city from the west the bright morning sun was obscured.

MANY LIVES CRUSHED OUT.

Electric Car With Over 100 Passengers Jumped Over Sixty-Foot Embankment.

TACOMA, Wash., July 5.—The most appalling accident ever known in the history of Tacoma occurred this morning, when the 8:30 Edison car, loaded with excited passengers, came to a sudden stop on the bridge at the gulch where the track runs from Delin street, burying the passengers under a pile of wreckage.

Many women and children, under the weight 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 embankment.

The car, which was carrying about 120 passengers, was struck by a heavy truck, which was backing up, and the car was thrown over the side of the gulch.

The car crashed the fall upon works to splinters and smashing down upon the passengers, who were killed or injured.

Children, with which the car was loaded.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Chinese Emperor Feared by Prince Tuan to Commit Suicide.

SHANGHAI, July 6.—Emperor Kwang-Su committed suicide by taking poison, under compulsion of Prince Tuan, June 13. The emperor was taken to the palace, but he is still alive, though reported to be insane from the effects of the drug.

The foregoing had been officially reported to the German consul at Shanghai.

Two Manchus who have arrived at Shanghai certify to the truth of the statement that Prince Tuan visited the 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 empress 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 escaping to the legations.

BOERS WILL NEVER GIVE UP.

President Kruger Seeks at the Idea of Selling for Peace.

LONDON, July 6.—The cordons around General De Wet appear still to be wide. At least he has not yet been cornered. Dispatches from the front, except official ones, deal with trifles of vague probabilities.

The Daily Telegraph's Lourenzo Marquez correspondent attempted on July 4 to interview President Kruger at Waterfall. Mr. Kruger was there, but he refused to be interviewed.

Mr. Kruger wishes through me to repeat what he has said over and over again. He says that the Boers will fight for independence as long as 500 burghers remain alive and even then will continue to fight. Such is our decision."

Arrive 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 on Monday on account of the suspension of the work at the mines will go in operation the first of next week.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 5.—The most horrible calamity that this city ever witnessed occurred this morning at 7:20 o'clock, in which six men were blown to atoms by the explosion of a dynamite charge.

The explosion occurred at the corner of Third and Main streets, where a large building was being demolished.

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BRYAN AND STEVENSON

Democrats Again Place the Nominations at Their Feet's Head.

VITAL POINTS OF THE PLATFORM

Admitted to One is Given Due Emphasis—Admitted to Stevenson, of Illinois, is Nominated for Vice-President by Acclamation.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 5.—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was tonight unanimously placed in nomination as the democratic candidate for president of the United States on a platform opposing imperialism, militarism and trusts and specifically denouncing the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The nomination came as the culmination of a frenzied demonstration in honor of the party leader, lasting twenty-seven minutes and giving utterance to all the pent-up emotions of the vast multitude.

It was late this afternoon when the convention was at last face to face with the presidential nomination. Early in the day there had been a few hours' delay in the nomination of Bryan, but the delegates and presenters were ready, the convention managers beguiled the time by putting forward speakers of more or less prominence to keep the vast audience from becoming too restless.

The first session, beginning at 10 this morning, was entirely fruitless, as it was not until late in the afternoon, when the second session had begun, that the platform committee was able to report an agreement.

The platform committee, which had been working for some time, reported a platform of 16 to 1 principle, had become known to the delegates and there was little delay in giving its unanimous approval.

This removed the last chance for an open rupture on questions of principle and left the way clear to the supreme event of the day—the nomination of the presidential candidate.

The vast auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity when the moment arrived for the nomination to be made.

When the call of states began for the purpose of placing candidates in nomination, Alabama, yielded its place at the head of the list to Nebraska, and the delegates of that state made their way to the platform for the final speech placing Mr. Bryan's name in nomination for the presidency.

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THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—Supplies were unusually large for the day, and included a lot of heavy, fat, and well-bred stock.

Some of the best cattle sold about steady with yesterday, but the general market was a trifle lower.

Cows and heifers were in light supply, good demand and about steady. Fat calves, steers, etc., sold at unchanged quotations.

Business in stockers and feeders was very dull, but there was no special change in quotations. Choice 1,000 to 1,200-lb. steers, \$5.00; good to choice, \$4.50; common to fair, \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50; poor to fair, \$3.00; poor to fair, \$2.50; poor to fair, \$2.00; poor to fair, \$1.50; poor to fair, \$1.00; poor to fair, \$0.50; poor to fair, \$0.00.

There were 115 cars, 5,000 head, against 1,100 a week ago and the market was a trifle lower.

The quality was fair, but the amount of light mixed hogs coming, as compared with the bulk of the market, was small.

The market opened at \$1.00, but the price was soon raised to \$1.25, and then to \$1.50, and then to \$1.75, and then to \$2.00, and then to \$2.25, and then to \$2.50, and then to \$2.75, and then to \$3.00, and then to \$3.25, and then to \$3.50, and then to \$3.75, and then to \$4.00, and then to \$4.25, and then to \$4.50, and then to \$4.75, and then to \$5.00, and then to \$5.25, and then to \$5.50, and then to \$5.75, and then to \$6.00, and then to \$6.25, and then to \$6.50, and then to \$6.75, and then to \$7.00, and then to \$7.25, and then to \$7.50, and then to \$7.75, and then to \$8.00, and then to \$8.25, and then to \$8.50, and then to \$8.75, and then to \$9.00, and then to \$9.25, and then to \$9.50, and then to \$9.75, and then to \$10.00, and then to \$10.25, and then to \$10.50, and then to \$10.75, and then to \$11.00, and then to \$11.25, and then to \$11.50, and then to \$11.75, and then to \$12.00, and then to \$12.25, and then to \$12.50, and then to 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