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### ROCKHILL PREPARES TO SAIL

Special Commissioner to China Lays Plans for the Task Before Him.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—W. W. Rockhill, who has been selected as special commissioner by the president to go to China, returned to Washington this morning from Block Island and began preparing for his long journey. He has decided to take Mrs. Rockhill with him and sail from San Francisco on the America Maru of the Japanese line. He will leave Mrs. Rockhill at Yokohama or Nagasaki, while he goes to Shanghai. At that point he will determine in which direction to proceed. Mr. Rockhill does not underestimate the extent for the task set for him by the president. He is to act as the eye and ears of the administration in China, to make careful inquiry into the existing conditions, to learn the exact cause of the present uprising and report the facts directly to the president for his guidance in the ultimate settlement and to formulate a policy for the future. This task will involve a large amount of travel in China. Mr. Rockhill is of the opinion that it will not be sufficient to merely look into conditions in Shan Tung province and perhaps in Pekin. It is to be put into possession of a comprehensive understanding of Chinese conditions. It is expressly stated that Mr. Rockhill is going to China simply as an observer for the president. This is technically true, but it also may be stated that he will be entrusted with full diplomatic power later on if it seems expedient and in the interest of an early settlement of the Chinese problem to have directly on the field an authorized agent of the United States government. It is even probable that he will be the next United States minister to Pekin if Mr. Conger has perished.

### NINTH MAKES BRAVE STAND

Graphic Story of Splendid Showing of American Troops at Fight at Tien Tsin.

(Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.) TIENTSIN, July 24.—Via Che Foo, July 16, and Shanghai, July 14.—The Ninth regiment, United States Infantry, entered the fight at Tien Tsin with 430 men. An incomplete list of casualties shows eighteen killed, twenty-five wounded and two missing. The regiment had four killed and eighteen wounded.

### Conferees Reach Agreement

At a late hour tonight the three conference committees reached an agreement whereby the Topeka agreement will be modified to the extent of permitting the popularists to name their own candidates for associate justice, for which they will surrender to the democrats the office of attorney general.

### FUSION IS NOT PROBABLE

Gold Democrats and Anti-Imperialists Meet in Convention at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 24.—The anti-imperialist committee and the gold democratic committee met in a joint session tomorrow afternoon. The indications tonight are not favorable to fusion.

### MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS JULY 24

- At Bremen—Arrived—Barbarossa, from New York; Despatch, from New York.
- At Plymouth—Arrived—Pennsylvania, from New York; Despatch, from New York.
- At Moville—Arrived—Larentian, from New York; Glasgow, from Glasgow.
- At Cherbourg—Arrived—Deutschland and Pennsylvania, from New York.
- At Gibraltar—Sailed—Werra, from Genoa and Naples, for New York.
- At New York—Sailed—Civic, for Liverpool; Boston—Arrived—Norwegian, from Glasgow.
- At Seattle—Arrived—U. S. S. Rosecrans, from Honolulu.
- At Hilo, Hawaii—Sailed—U. S. S. Grant, from Honolulu.
- At Southampton—Arrived—Kaiserin Maria Theresa, from New York, via Cherbourg.
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### GETS IT GOOD AND HARD

Kansas Populists Refuse to Instruct for Simpson as United States Senator.

### SOCKLESS STATESMAN HISSED OFF STAGE

Three Conventions at Fort Scott Having Hard Time to Get Together. Each Wanting Lion's Share of the Spoils.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., July 24.—The feature of today's proceedings in the populist, democratic and silver republican state conventions, which met here today in separate halls to nominate state tickets, or effect a fusion in the state ticket, was the turning down of the senatorial aspirations of Jerry Simpson by the populist convention.

The ex-congressman desired to go before the next legislature, in the event of a populist or fusion success, the polls, and reported a ruling bringing in the question of a senatorial endorsement by the convention. In the convention there was strong opposition to this departure from the usual custom, and in the heat of the debate Mr. Simpson took the floor and urged his candidacy. He was bitter in the denunciation of some of his opponents, making charges of bossism, and the convention was in an uproar. The ex-congressman retired from the platform amid groans and hisses. When a vote was taken on a endorsement of his candidacy was refused by a majority of nearly two-thirds.

### Little Business Done

Neither of the conventions accomplished much at today's sessions and at a late hour tonight there has been no definite agreement as to fusion. The populists are not opposed to the proposition, and Stevenson electors, and this will be done if an agreement can be reached for a division of the state offices. The agreement reached at Topeka several months ago by the state committees of the three parties, providing for a division of the state offices, was as follows: The populists are trying to force the nomination of ex-justice David Martin, formerly a republican, for the office of assistant justice, a position which the Topeka agreement gave to the democrats.

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