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pose would be served by further communications.

Chaffee Reports Plans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The War department has received the following cablegram from General Chaffee:

"THE FOO, Aug. 7.—Adjutant General, Washington: Tien Tsin August 3.—Conference today decided on battle Sunday. Chinese entrenched east and west through Pei Sang. Rest of Chinese protected by flooded ground practically unassailable. Japanese, English, and American forces about 10,000 strong, attack Chinese right west of river in flank. Other forces, Russian, French, about 4,000 strong, opposite side between river and railroad. Chinese position apparently strong. Army reported 30,000 between Pei Bang and Yang Tsun or crossing of road Pei Ho. Yang Tsun objective. Our force 2,000 and battery. Connaught arrived. Sixth cavalry left (at Tien Tsin) for guard of city and awaiting mounts. Ministers safe on 28th of July."

"CHAFFEE."

RUSSIANS LEAD IN LOOTING

Men Who Return from Tien Tsin Tell Stories of Muscovite Barbarity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Among the refugees from China who returned on the *Logan* were the wife of Prof. C. D. Tenney of the Imperial university at Tien Tsin and her children. They were among those who took refuge in Gordon hall during the bombardment and escaped uninjured. She and her husband had been together in China for eighteen years. Prof. Tenney is now accompanying the allied forces on the march to Pekin as an interpreter.

Prof. O. D. Clifford and his wife also came home. They bring with them a baby girl who was born in Tien Tsin on May 13. Mrs. Clifford is the daughter of Dr. Robert Colman, who came home on the *Coptic* last week. Prof. Clifford was connected with the Imperial university.

Miss Little M. Tahr of Lincoln City, Ind., who spent two years in Tien Tsin, had three narrow escapes from the savage boxes. She found safety with many others in Gordon hall. During the siege and when one day she was struck by a fragment of a three-inch shell. On two other occasions she was shot at by riflemen, but was not hit.

The two children of United States Consul Bagdadie, who have returned to their home in this state, tell stories of similar experiences of others who lived through the perils times in Tien Tsin.

The tales of Russian brutality are confirmed by Rev. Frank Hayes, a Methodist missionary. He thinks the present troubles will be ended within a year.

Many of the refugees from Tien Tsin escaped with only the clothing on their backs. Among those who lost everything are Henry Smith and wife, an English couple. Smith was a broker at Tien Tsin and had a fine house in the British concession.

Prof. O. D. Clifford of the Imperial university of Tien Tsin, who was one of the last to leave the besieged city, says: "Looting by the allied forces began as soon as they got the upper hand. The Russians are not cruel and rapacious, but money, when shown alone, is an incentive to eight cold-blooded murders by them. The victims were old and infirm Chinese. The Russians stole everything in sight, looting the houses in the settlement as the Chinese would have done."

Rev. Horace W. Houlding, a missionary whose labors were in South Chi Li province between Ho Nan and Shan Tung, escaped with seventy-five others from Pei Tai Ho, the seaside resort north of Taku, on the British war ship *Humber*.

Mrs. H. H. Montelle, whose husband is a turban at Tien Tsin, with Mrs. Frank F. Davis of Philadelphia passed through a trying experience during the bombardment and fighting at Tien Tsin and took advantage of the first opportunity to leave the place.

Elevator at Essex.

ESSEX, Ia., Aug. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—E. M. Gwynne's elevator was burned to the ground at 11:30 Monday night and the machinery destroyed. The elevator had a capacity of 10,000 bushels and was valued at \$4,000, with about \$2,600 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The elevator will be rebuilt at once.

Rains Assist Lumbermen.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 7.—The copious rains yesterday and today have given the day for the sawmill men. There is a foot rise in the level of the Mississippi river and big drives of logs will arrive in time to keep the mills running the rest of the season.

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FIRED FROM THIRD FLOOR

Bullet Which Killed Goebel Did Not Come from Powers' Office.

TRASPER SAW SMOKE AT WINDOW

Witness Swears That Crowd Which Went to Frankfort from Eastern Kentucky Were Typical Mountain Men.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Aug. 7.—The trial of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers today developed that both sides in the case are dealing extensively in contradiction and impeachment of some of the witnesses who have testified.

The most important testimony heard today was given by Corporal Milt. Trasper of the military company at Barberville, of which Caleb Powers' brother was captain. Trasper gave testimony indicating that the shot which killed Goebel was fired from the third story of the executive building and not from the secretary of state's office, which was on the first floor. He declared that he and other members of the military company had been in Frankfort since May 25, under secret orders from Governor Taylor.

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WILL TRY TO CONTRADICT STONE.

The prosecution today was granted a subpoena duces tecum on State Auditor Coulter to bring him to his records into court. This is done to contradict the testimony of ex-Auditor Samuel Stone, who testified that he discharged W. H. Culton in December and that he was paid \$1,000. The prosecution expects to show by the record that he paid his salary to both Culton and Jameson and other witness to prove that since that date Stone recommended Culton to various people as being entirely trustworthy. The defense asked and was granted a writ of attachment against E. E. Hoge, Culton's brother-in-law and attorney, who had been subpoenaed but failed to appear as a witness.

W. J. Lewis of Frankfort was the first witness heard today. He said that Goebel fell at least ten feet from the spot marked by the prosecution as the point.

YOUTSEY'S NOW FAMOUS GUN.

George L. Barnes, who was a clerk in the state auditor's office, said that on the day of the shooting he was at the capital grounds and heard several persons say the guilty parties were being concealed in the executive building and it might be blown up.

Barnes said that after he went back into the executive building he smelled smoke which he supposed was the result of the shot. He saw Whittaker arrested by a party of citizens. They took several pistols from him. Prior to the assassination witness saw a Martin rifle in the vault at the auditor's office. It formerly belonged to Henry Youtsey, but at the time of the shooting it belonged to Frank Roberts, who has since been appointed a clerk in the census bureau at Washington. He does not know where the rifle is now. Witness talked with Roberts about the disappearance of the gun, but the court ruled that he could not detail the conversation, neither Powers nor Youtsey being present when the conversation occurred.

PAYMENT OF WARRANTS ENJOINED.

A temporary restraining order was yesterday served upon School Treasurer Koutsky, enjoining him from paying certain warrants that have been drawn in connection with the building of the Jungmann school. The writ was served upon Koutsky at about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and is probably issued for the reason that Koutsky is now in position to pay these warrants, since this represents an enormous amount of provisions. The English army in the South African campaign is eating more or less meat than are being prepared by Swift. Swimmers are also being made to the United States troops in the Philippines and China.

While the amount that each of the packing houses is exporting could not be ascertained, all of the general managers admitted that it is on a large scale. South Omaha is furnishing its share, and possibly more than the average packing house towns of the United States.

STEYN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Discouraging Report Concerning Health of Kruger's Chief Ally Comes from Kroonstad.

KROONSTAD, Aug. 7.—President Steyn of the Orange Free State is seriously ill.

INFORMATION ON WAR LOAN.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Benjamin Lewis Cohen, conservative member for the east division of Islington, asked the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the reason for the early closing of subscriptions for exchequer bonds. The chancellor said the lists were closed as soon as the bonds had been subscribed for. He had received an offer from an Anglo-American house to place half the issue in America on the same conditions as issued here. This, he added, assured the success of the loan. But there was another reason. Last Thursday the reserve of the Bank of England stood at the lowest point for years and he was advised that great relief might be afforded here by the movement of gold from the United States if a large part of this loan (\$100,000) was taken there.

CHARLES SHERMAN ARRESTED.

Charles Sherman, one of the five men who about two weeks ago made a murderous assault on Officer Morrissey, was last night arrested by Officer Newman in Albright. As soon as he was approached by the officer and ordered to give himself up he showed fight and before he was landed in jail Sherman was compelled to almost render him unconscious with his club. Sherman has been in hiding ever since the assault was made on Morrissey. He was with four other Albright men and when the officer started to quiet a disturbance they were raising them all turned on him and, but for his fleetness of foot, would have undoubtedly killed him. As it was, he fired four shots at the running policeman. He started to run the same game on Newman yesterday, but was silenced before he could get in his work.

MAGIC CITY Gossip.

C. O. Johnson of Little, Colo., was in the city yesterday.

Miss Rae Polksy of Lincoln is visiting with friends in the city.

Stages of Fort Collins was in the city yesterday and again at the door.

Chief Wallace, Seventeen and W. reports the birth of a daughter yesterday.

The different labor unions of the city are starting a move to have a great celebration.

Miss Alice Levy will return today from an extended trip throughout the state, visiting with different friends.

A case of diphtheria was yesterday reported being the infant child of John Hubbard, born on Thirty-third street between K and L.

Mads Jensen was yesterday arrested on a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Price, charged with embezzling funds amounting to \$15.

Chief of Police Mitchell left last night for Lincoln to bring the cityida Mitchell, and arrested there and wanted here for burglary.

City Treasurer Frank Koutsky is in a critical condition and visitors are no longer allowed to see him. His malady is pronounced typhoid.

Joseph Harper, P. Surrena, W. P. Eads, Price and C. B. Strong all of Clearmont, Wyo., were yesterday visiting the city.

St. George, a prominent farmer of Wayne, South Omaha, yesterday said that in that in that in that vicinity a fine crop of wheat was raised, running from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre. The oat crop will be a little smaller.

A. A. Wright, who runs a butcher shop on the lower part of N street, yesterday reported that his shop had been broken into.

John Perkins, the negro porter in the adjoining general store, said he was in that office when the shooting occurred. The witness was not able to see either man or gun. Wright did not go up into the executive building for over an hour after the shooting. He claimed the witness found two boxes, one upon the other, near the window he had noticed when the shots were fired. Cross-examined, the witness said he was a member of John Powers' military company. The latter sent him on January 24 and told him he had secret orders from Governor Taylor to bring his military company to Frankfort. Witness was afraid trouble might come up over the soldiers going in this manner, and preserved Powers' note to him in order to protect himself in case there was any irregularity about it. Witness did not make any service at Frankfort until immediately after the assassination. John Powers met him and told him to get his gun, which he did.

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HEARD SHOTS AND SAW SMOKE.

Mr. Trasper of Knob county, one of the mountain men who arrived at Frankfort on January 25, said he was in the house cloak room looking out of a window toward the executive building when the shooting occurred. He saw a window upon the third floor of the executive building, heard the shots and saw smoke, but could not see either man or gun. Witness did not go up into the executive building for over an hour after the shooting. He claimed the witness found two boxes, one upon the other, near the window he had noticed when the shots were fired. Cross-examined, the witness said he was a member of John Powers' military company. The latter sent him on January 24 and told him he had secret orders from Governor Taylor to bring his military company to Frankfort. Witness was afraid trouble might come up over the soldiers going in this manner, and preserved Powers' note to him in order to protect himself in case there was any irregularity about it. Witness did not make any service at Frankfort until immediately after the assassination. John Powers met him and told him to get his gun, which he did.

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PROSECUTOR CONVICT DISAPPEARS.

H. L. McElroy, who conducts a feed store at Frankfort, said he heard a noise like a gun shot Tuesday evening that a negro convict from the state penitentiary, Nelson Gillespie, who had been working for him, had escaped. He said he was told that the negro will endeavor to locate him. The police will endeavor to locate him.

A good description of the convict was given and the police will endeavor to locate him. Gillespie was sent up from Cass county for six years for burglary.

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OMAHA WHIST CLUB.

The Omaha Whist Club engaged in a joint contest Tuesday night, the women having been invited to participate. Eight tables were engaged.

South Omaha News.

President of Transvaal Sees Hopelessness of the Struggles.

SKRS A GUARANTY OF HIS FUTURE

Apparently Afraid of Being Deported and Desires Some Assurances in That Line from the English.

PRETORIA, Monday, Aug. 6.—It is stated positively that President Kruger is willing and anxious to surrender, provided a satisfactory promise is given to his ultimate destination.

TWO DAYS' HARD FIGHTING

Generals Carrington and Hamilton Find Boers Enough to Keep Busy.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 7.—Railway communication with Natal has been re-established by General MacDonald's capture of Harrietberg.

Heavy fighting at Elands river commenced on Sunday and continued Monday. No details are obtainable, but it is believed that General Carrington and General Ian Hamilton relieved the garrison at Rustenberg, which is returning to Zecrat.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Lord Roberts reports to the War office under date of Pretoria, August 6, as follows:

"Harrisby surrendered on August 4. The neighboring country seems to be quiet. Kitchener is with the force south of the Vaal river. He was joined yesterday by a strong detachment of Brabant's Horse and the Canadian regiment.

"The Boers attacked the garrison at Elands river on the morning of August 4. Information was sent to Carrington, who was on the way to Elands river. Ian Hamilton, who reached Rustenberg yesterday, reported hearing heavy firing in the direction of Elands river. Today the firing seems more distant, which looks as if the Elands river garrison had been relieved and was retreating to Zeerust.

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