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CONTINUED! OESTREICHER'S ODDS AND ENDS SALE

A decided success last week. We will include many more lines this week, among them **Silk Waists** at \$3.98 and \$4.89; were \$6.50 to \$9.50.

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ADMIRAL PHILLIPS DEAD.

New York, June 30.—Admiral Phillip, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, died this afternoon in his home at the age of 72 of heart disease. Admiral Phillips was in his sixtieth year. He commanded the Texas in the fight at sea.

ORIENTAL CONSPIRACY

That is Now the General Understanding of the Crisis in China.

Kempff Cables Regarding the Ministers at Peking.

Were Given 24 Hours to Leave City, But They Refused.

Fourteen Thousand Foreign Troops Now Ashore at Chefoo.

ARE THE MINISTERS HELD AS HOSTAGES? — SEVEN SEPARATE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT BY THE RELIEF COLUMN — THE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

London, June 30.—The most hopeful view held by any one in European diplomatic circles is to the effect that the Chinese government is holding the representatives of the powers as hostages pending the acceptance of terms which will be presently dictated from Peking.

The news of the relief of Seymour's forces scarcely mitigates the anxiety of the European governments, for it leaves the more serious Peking problem darker than ever. Not a theory involving the good faith of the Chinese government is any longer held anywhere. It by no means follows that the worst has happened, for it is beginning to be generally believed that a deep oriental plot is underlying the whole crisis. The evidence of careful planning is already quite convincing. It is fully established that the imperial troops are opposing the foreigners. Therefore the problem of the allied powers is clearly defined.

It is expected by some that the next move will be an important proposal to compromise from Peking, with an implied threat of reprisal against the imprisoned ministers and staffs unless the compromise is accepted. Then if Chinese expectations are realized the powers will fall to agree and will either quarrel among themselves or reach a deadlock, leaving the empress mistress of the situation.

The disproportionate contributions of troops by the powers, is already causing friction.

TERRIBLE WORK OF BOXERS.

London, June 30.—A despatch from Shanghai says the German coal mines near Ichow Fu, Shang Tung, have been burned. The governor of Shang Tung sent an escort to conduct the Germans to a place of safety.

Boxers have attacked and looted Chin Chow and destroyed the missions. The governor has also notified the people of Chefoo that he is unable to protect the place, as the whole province is in arms. Rebels are destroying missions and foreigners are escaping under escort of Chinese soldiers. Boxers have placarded Kading with notices fixing July 1 as the date for the massacre of all foreigners and the burning of all residence buildings.

MINISTERS NOTIFIED TO LEAVE.

Washington, June 30.—The navy department has received the following from Admiral Kempff:

"Chefoo, June 30.—Secretary Navy, Washington: Ministers at Peking were given 24 hours to leave on the 19th. They refused and are still there. The Peking relief forces got half way. They were attacked by imperial troops on the 18th. McCalla was in command. Four were killed and twenty-five wounded. McCalla and Ensign Tausig wounded, but not seriously. Now over 14,000 troops ashore. Commander Wise commands at Tong Ku, in charge of transportation rail and river. The combination officers find it necessary to make use of some civilians to operate railway. KEMPPFF."

NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

Washington, June 30.—Although ill, Secretary Hay came over to his office at noon, being the senior office in town.

A Bargain.

On Sulphur Springs road—Ten acres ground and well constructed modern house. Will be sold below value to close an estate. Price on application to interested party.

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In the president's absence he sent immediately for the secretary of the navy and secretary of war. These officers responded at once and a cabinet council was held. Of course the Chinese situation was the subject of discussion. All of the official despatches received this morning were carefully considered. The conclusion reached was that nothing has developed warranting a change of policy at this stage. So it was decided that no further instructions should be despatched to our naval commanders in China, nor have more troops ordered there.

SEVEN SEPARATE BATTLES.

Washington, June 30.—The following cablegram has been received from United States Consul Ragsdale at Tien Tsin, dated June 28 instant, being the first communication received from that office in nearly two weeks: "Siege of Tien Tsin raised. Troops sent for the relief of the legations returned, in vain, fighting seven desperate battles. American loss six killed, thirty-eight wounded. On the 19th ministers given twenty-four hours to leave Peking. Refused. Still there. RAGSDALE."

TO SAIL FOR CHINA.

Marseilles, June 30.—The French transport Cachar sails tomorrow for Tonquin, touching at Toulon, where she will take on board twenty-six officers, 700 soldiers, a battery of eight guns and 2,000 tons of provisions and ammunition. The transport Ernest Simmons also sails tomorrow with some officers and 600 tons of war material for China.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

Washington, June 30.—For the first time since the break of communication with Tien Tsin news came today of the foreign ministers there, which the officials accept as accurate. Assurances coming from four separate sources that the ministers were safe, bodily at least, up to five days ago, seem to remove all doubt on that point, while the agreement of the despatches of Admiral Kempff, of United States Consul Ragsdale at Tien Tsin and Minister Wu's advice to the effect that the ministers are still at Peking would seem to afford a solid basis for the acceptance of that statement. None of the recipients of these despatches has any knowledge as to how the news comes from Peking to warrant the statements that the ministers are there at present.

It is easy to suppose that accurate news of the conditions in Peking of five days ago might have been received by some trusted messenger. The news of the day, important though it is, has not changed the policy of the government towards China. There is nothing to show that the imperial government is responsible to a degree warranting the declaration of a state of war. Therefore, the plan is to push forward in the effort to bring away the foreign ministers, doing this side by side with the other powers, and leaving all other questions for future determination.

DECLARED WAR.

If the Chinese government ordered the attacks on our forces, then they have declared war, and if that fact shall be established the government will act accordingly. On the other hand, if the Chinese government was not directly party to the uprising, then it has demonstrated its incapacity and must reckon with the United States government hereafter for the heavy injuries inflicted upon its citizens and its interests. Meanwhile, as our naval commanders in China appear to be following a proper course, they will be left unhampered by further instructions at this juncture, and not even be reinforced until they request it.

The above were the conclusions reached at the cabinet council today. It was not even regarded as necessary to advise by wire with the president, the cabinet officers knowing that he is in possession of the official cablegrams, and so is in position to advise a change of course if he sees fit. There is still no war with China.

It may be noted that Admiral Kempff's prudent course as set out in the news despatches and in the absence of official statements meets with the unqualified approval of the administration. Fortunately the wreck of the Oregon does not seriously affect the military plans respecting China. She was ordered to Taku before the forts

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Bed Bugs...

The Columbian Liquid is a certain and rapid destroyer of bed-bugs. It is far superior to mercury and more cleanly to use. 50c a bottle, including sprayer.

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Weights about five pounds—canvassed. 24c Per Pound

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AWFUL FIRE IN HOBOKEN

Several Great Steamships Burned and Perhaps a Hundred Lives Lost.

Destruction of Five Million Dollars Worth of Property—Live Men Imprisoned in a Burning Ship.

New York, June 30.—One hundred lives perhaps—but it is guess work—and possibly five or six million dollars' worth of property, including three fine steamships of the Bremen line were lost in a tremendous fire that scourged the Hoboken water front this afternoon.

The Saale, now beached on the Jersey flats, went down the river all afire, with fireboats and a fleet of tugs picking off her such men as they could and picking up such as flung themselves overboard to escape the flames. In her hold are many corpses.

The Bremen, with seventeen living men aboard, penned on the inside, her hold afire after and forward, and fire above them and on either side, is beached off Wehawken tonight. Fifty tugs are hanging around her, striving to put out the fire and cool her off, with hundreds of tons of water. The living men talked with the tugboat men through the ports. They said men on the other side of the hold must be dead.

Late tonight when the Laffan bureau's tug came away the rescuers had good hopes of getting the living men off alive.

Five destroyed all the North German Lloyd ships, some dozen lighters and canal boats, a great quantity of cotton, and the storage warehouse of Campbell & Co. to the north of the pier, the great building full of valuable merchandise. The fate of the officers of some of the ships is in doubt. It is known that Capt. Morrow of the Saale is lost. There were eighteen lighters all told at the several piers. Some of them burned and sank near the shore. Others with cargoes ablaze floated down stream.

RUMOR OF SALE OF MONTFORD AVENUE LINE

May Fall Into Hands Friendly to the Asheville Street Railway.

It was rumored persistently yesterday that the Asheville Street Railroad company had purchased the Inter-Montane Street railway, and would begin its operation this morning with a fifteen minute schedule and a system of transfers with their other lines. Several events during the day went to confirm the belief that a change was to be made in the management of the Inter-Montane line. It was learned that the Asheville Street Railroad company itself would not buy the line, but it is quite probable that parties friendly to the Asheville Street railroad will acquire an interest in the line, which will probably be a controlling interest. The property is now regarded as a valuable one, and it is ascertained that there is some opposition among the stockholders of the Inter-Montane line.

If this rumor is true, it is hoped the Montford avenue line will be included in the system of transfers of the Asheville Street railroad, which would be a great benefit to the public and especially to those residing along the line connecting with all the other lines, affording quicker travel and undoubtedly better service in addition to the transfers, which would be a great benefit.

B. M. Jones, secretary and treasurer

of the Asheville Street Railroad company, was seen late yesterday afternoon and said that he knew nothing of the reported deal, and knew of no one who did.

J. S. Adams, president of the Inter-Montane line, and President Rankin, of the Asheville Street railroad, together with attorneys, were in consultation during the day and also last night, but when seen said there was nothing definite for the public yet, which conveys the hope that there may be truth in the rumor and a connection established between the lines whereby connecting schedules and transfers may be arranged.

PORTO RICANS WANT U. S. TO SUPPORT THEM

Thinks Rations Should be Issued Indefinitely.

Washington, June 30.—The war department has received an interesting report from Gen. Davis, commanding our forces in Porto Rico, concerning the great hurricane which swept over the island last August and the conditions resulting from the efforts of the United States to maintain the islanders through their consequent poverty and suffering. Referring to the food issued by this government to the natives, Gen. Davis says: "The natives have become imbued with the belief that the United States is to supply food, rebuild their houses and give them all the necessities of life for an indefinite period. It seems impossible to make them understand that the aid was only intended to tide them over and enable them to recover from the great disaster. They seem disposed to repudiate their crops and appropriate for work the a large number of laborers might be thus employed and effective aid extended. An aggregate of 100,000 rations daily is now being issued, however. Should all applications be considered favorably the issues would amount to nearly half a million rations each day at a cost of \$25,000. These issues are pauperizing the people and instilling into their minds the idea that they have only to refuse to work to be supported by the government. In the opinion of Gov. Allen relief supplies should be furnished no longer to the larger and more prosperous planters, but should be given only to the smaller planters and these for only a short time longer."

Gen. Davis then recommends action according to these views, and accordingly the secretary of war has directed him to cease the distribution of rations in Porto Rico on July 15, and to give early notice of this intention so that all citizens may understand the necessity of making other arrangements than now exist.

NEELY CASE POSTPONED

New York, June 30.—A writ of extradition for C. F. W. Neely, charged with embezzling many thousands of dollars from the postal department of Cuba, was moved for by United States District Attorney Burnett before Judge Lacombe in the circuit court. The motion was made in accordance with the provisions of the special extradition act passed by congress in the closing hours of the last session. Gen. Burnett was assisted by an assistant United States district attorney, while John D. Lindsay appeared for Neely. Neely, who has been in the Ludlow street jail ever since his second arrest, in default of \$50,000 bail, was taken to the courtroom. The case was adjourned to July 23 next to give Mr. Lindsay time to prepare his brief and submit it, and also to enable the government to secure more evidence.

RUSSELL SAGE WILL BUY.

Chattanooga, June 30.—It is rumored here that negotiations are under way between Russell Sage, owner of the Chattanooga Southern railroad, from this city to Gadsden, Ala., and owners of large coal and iron lands in North Georgia and Alabama, for the purchase of the road by the latter. The road is about ninety miles in length.

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"Second Lieutenant Paul Draper, Twenty-second infantry, drowned on morning of June 28 working on ferry near San Antonio, Neuva Ecija, Luzon. Body not yet recovered."

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PRITCHARD AT ASHEBORO

The Senator Discusses the Issues of the State Campaign.

Before an Assemblage of a Thousand Persons.

Presented With a Beautiful Floral Emblem by Young Ladies.

A Pretty Tribute of Compliment Accompanied the Gift.

RANDOLPH COUNTY CONVENTION MEETS AND NOMINATES A TICKET—SECRETARY HYAMS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE SPEAKS OF THE CHEERING PROSPECTS OF THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

Special to the Gazette.

Asheboro, N. C., June 30.—Senator Pritchard addressed a crowd of white citizens here today estimated at 1,000. He was introduced by J. A. Blair. He spoke in the beautiful grove in the fair grounds. The stand was decorated with flowers, patriotic colors and pictures of President McKinley. Senator Pritchard spoke for one hour and forty minutes and had the attention of every one in the audience. His argument in defense of the common people was unanswerable and irresistible. The Randleman band furnished excellent music, playing mostly patriotic airs. As the senator closed his speech, three beautiful young ladies, Misses Nan Hale, Etta Blair and Florence Hendricks, wended their way through the crowd and presented him with a long wreath of roses. Miss Hale made the following presentation speech:

"Senator Pritchard: In order that your friends may give expression of their appreciation of you and your service to your state and country, and an endorsement of your patriotic sentiments on these grounds today we have been commissioned to present you with this floral collection in behalf of the donors. Accept it with assurances of the admiration and commendation of a large constituency of this county. Go on and win greater honors and larger benefactions for yourself and your commonwealth."

Senator Pritchard made a graceful reply. Hundreds flocked to the stand and many with tears in their eyes shook the hand of the senator, showing their appreciation of the efforts he is making for the cause of right.

There were many visitors from Montgomery and adjoining counties.

W. S. Hyams, secretary of the republican state executive committee, mingled with the crowd and stated that the committee was receiving encouraging news from all parts of the state.

The republican county convention met here today. J. F. Pickett, chairman. The following ticket was nominated: House, J. M. Burrow, J. J. White; senate, W. F. Tally; sheriff, W. F. Redding; register of deeds, O. C. Marsh; treasurer, D. M. Holladay; surveyor, J. W. Edison; commissioners, W. F. Bowman, J. S. Swain, C. J. Cox. C. E. B.

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