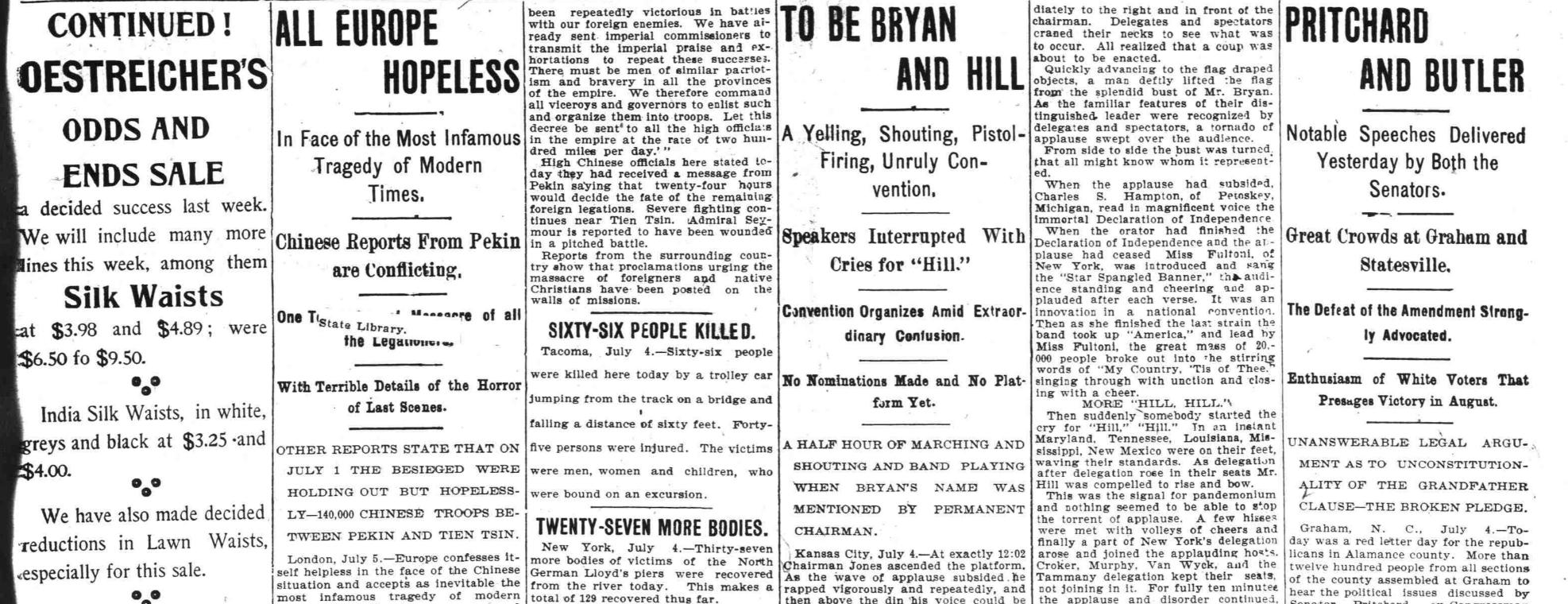


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times. Hundreds of men, women and children who are at the mercy of a blood thirsty mob in Pekin are to be left to their fate because Christian nations do not know how to rescue them. The bitter confession of impotence which comes from the commanders of

the foreign forces now at Taku does not call for any rebuke from the rulers of escape from the awful dilemma. It is reported from Shanghai that news from Pekin up to July 1 has reached there stating that the Europeans are still besieged in the British legation

tween Pekin and Tien Tsin.

EVERY FOREIGNER MASSACRED. London, July 4.-(12:05 p. m.)-"Not a single foreigner is now alive in Pekin," is the latest Chinese report which heaps. It is believed that many members and officials of the tsung li yamen perished when the German guard, maddened by the murder of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, set fire

to the building. That the foreigners at the Chinese capital have been abandoner to their horrible fate seems no longer open to doubt in the light of the during the afternoon. message received from Taku this morning announcing the decision of the admirals regarding the hopelessness of further attempts to relieve Pekin. The message seems to foreshaddow the Takes Two Bicycle Races at Biltmore evacuation of Tien Tsin by the international forces, pending the arrival of a fully equipped army and while the arrival of a comparatively small garri-

son at Tien Tsin at a point under the protection of naval guns would relieve much of the anxiety, it is felt here that a retreat of the troops is liable to set aflame the provinces at present quies-

FIGHTING AT TIEN TSIN. Advices from Shanghai today say, that there is continued fighting at Tien Tsin while the German consul at Chefoo telegraphs to Berlin confirming the report of the renewal of hostilities. He bombarded, and that the women ard vanced against the railroad and, that the bridges have been destroyed, but that communication by water with Taku is maintained. The consul confirms the report that the mission buildings at Moukden have been burned and that many native Christians have been killed.

GREAT UPRISING PLANNED.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Great Crowd in the City B.nt on En-

joyment.

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Asheville yesterday was quite Europe because the wit of man finds no an event as far as noise and crowds go. The labor men had a fine dinner at Biltmore. The event which drew the most people was probably the sham battle at Lookout Park. The military organizations turned out full companbut their position is hopeless. The de- ies and put considerable spirit in the cision of the Russian and British ad- battle. The Blue Ridge Rifles were on mirals that it is impossible to advance the ground first and took position beto the relief of the Europeans is de- hind the north bank of the race track. clared to be based on conviction that The Asheville Light infantry went out with 20,000 men, the total available later, and getting off the cars down the force at present it would be suicide to track advanced through the woods. attempt to reach Pekin. It is believed Scouts were sent forward and discovthat 140,000 Chinese troops are be- ered the picket lines of the enemy, who fired on them. The scouts retreated to the main body which advanced and fired by rushes, driving the enemy who had come out to meet them back. The Rifles rallied at the breastworks and has reached Shanghai. Earlier reports advanced, driving the A. L. I. back, from the same source describe the con- but only for a short distance, when they dition awful. It is said that the rooms rallied and advanced, firing rapidly. of the British legation were filled with the Rifles retreated to their position, sick and wounded, the killed lying in slowly and firing at every step-. The

men acted cooly and the manoeuvres were well executed. Probably one of the largest crowds that was ever there spent the after-

noon at the park. The people kept away from the firing lines well. The First regiment band played

CARTMELL WINS

Easily

At Biltmore yesterday morning Nathan Cartmell covered himself with glory in the bicycle races. Although no great races were run he showed ability by winning two races easily. The first was a two-mile race. Nathan Cartmell, John Orr, Andy Orr and Buren Bostic entered and finished in the order named.

The next was a five-mile race, entered by Cartmell and John and Andy Orr. It was paced by Joe Putnam and Wint Hawkins a mile each altersays the foreign settlement at Tien nately. Cartmell came in twenty feet Tsin is again surrounded and is being ahead of Andy Orr, riding easily. A race was then run for sixteen-year-

children are to be removed. He adds old boys, one mile, Harry Eagan winthat the Chinese troops have again ad- ning over Andy Orr and another rider. The half mile little boys' race was won by Bart Orr over Fred Fuller and Jeff Jackson.

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then above the din his voice could be heard calling the convention to order.

Great disorder prevailed, the aisles were jammed with a shifting, noisy crowd of subordinate officials and intruders and it took some time to secure quiet.

Chairman Jones presented Rev. S. M. Neel, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of Kansas Ciity, who made a brief opening prayer.

Then the mayor of Kansas City, Jas. A. Reed, was introduced and he bid the convention welcome to the city. Ilis allusion to the early leaders of the democratic party, Jefferson and Jackson, evoked outbursts of applause.

Senator Hill entered just at this moment and the applause turned to him-"Hill, of New York;" Hill, Hill," they should. But it was noticed that the New York delegation did not respond to the enthusiasm. The crowd continued to yell for "Hill." "Let's hear Hill." with a few hisses interspersed until the chairman finally rapped them to order. A few minutes later they renewed the call, but the audience was impatient to get on with the proceedings and showed its disappointment by hisses.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN THOMAS. When finally the chairman was able to make his voice heard, he introduced Governor Thomas, of Colorado, the temporary chairman. A round of applause greeted Governor Thomas as he ascended the platform. His severe arraignment of the "entrenched enemy"

drew a ripple of applause, and as he proceeded his well rounded sentences were punctuated with generous and hearty manifestations of approval. Despite his strong voice the confusion in the hall became so great that much of the speech was lost to the delegates

and spectators. He declared, "We will have no money system founded upon the public debt and dictated by these who hold it. We stand for the gold and

silver of the constitution." Of the Philippines he said: "The national sympathy for all who seek selfgovernment has been made the instrument by which cupidity greed hold feeble nation in thraldom. The right of purchase is invoked to justify the adoption of a so-called colonial policy by the great western republic."

DECLARATION OF INDEPEND-ENCE.

The first semblance of genuine enthusiasm was created when the secretary of the convention read a resolution offered by Daniel J. Campau, of Michigan, that the Declaration of Independence, drafted by that democra: of democrats, Thomas Jefferson, he read to the convention on the anniversary of the nation's natal birthday.

With cheers the resolution was adopted, while the band in the south gallery played patriotic airs.

Then a dramatic scene occurred. The vast audience was quieting down to listen to the reading of the declaration, two men appeared upon the platform 🐼 bearing carefully in their arms iwo large objects each shrouded complete'v in the stars and stripes. They were placed, the one upon the other, imme-

the applause and disorder continued, the steady rap of the gavel having no effect. Each time a new state banner

was pulled up and the applause began anew. After the first bow. Hill kept his seat, but he could not disguise the gratification that he felt at the reception accorded him. Friends urged him to take the platform, but he kept shaking his head negatively. On the platform the chairman and the sergeant-atarms tried in vain to get order.

Finally Hill himself hoped to stem the torrents of applause and arose. Then the delegations and the crowd howled themselves hoarse.

"Hill," "Platform!" they screamed. "Mr. Chairman," Hill ejaculated, but his voice was drowned in the fierce outburst of applause.

"Mr. Chairman," he tried again to say, and then, drowned out agils, sunk political issues in general but that he laughlingly into his seat.

BIG NEBRASKA CELEBRATION. A delegate from Ohio secured the attention of the chairman by some violent gesticulations and then, mounting on his chair as he was recognized. moved that an invitaion be extended to Mr. Bryan to visit the convection. A wild cheer of applause went up be-

fore the chairman had been given time to hear a seend to the motion. While the cheering over the Bryan movement was at its height the booming of a brass band was heard at the south entrance, and down the aisle in front of the chairman's desk came the band, which came here with Clark, of Montana, and behind it in column of twos, or as nearly as they could keep that formation, the Jacksonian club of Nebraska.

It was impossible for Chairman Thomas to hear a word utered four feet from his desk, but some delegate near him made a motion to adjourn until 4 o'clock, and it was declared carried. NIGHT SESSION.

When at 4 o'clock the convention reassembled the committees not being

ready there was a further recess until 8:30 p. m. When Chairman Thomas called the convention to order for the night session a delegate from Colorado got the floor and demanded that as the committees were not ready the convention should hear from Altgeld. When Altgeld stepped on the platform he declared the peope looked to the democratic convention for a declaration of who heard it as being the strongest principles that would be the salvation political speech ever delivered in Alaof the nation. He ridiculed the opposition press for its solicitude for the democratic party and its assertion if the democrats did not modify their principles they could not win. He predicted triumph for the party. Enthusi-

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Senator Pritchard, ex-Congressman Kelley and others.

Larly in the morning the people began pouring in from the country and by 11 o'clock the spacious court house was crowded to its utmost capacity. Quite a number of people from Caldwell and other adjoining counties were present as well as several prominent republicans from Greensboro and Raleigh.

The meeting was called to order by Heenan Hughes, chairman of the county republican committee, who introduced to the audience Senator Pritchard, the first speaker of the occasion.

Mr. Pritchard stated in the beginning that he did not come to discuss should confine his remarks to the proposed constitutional amendment, as that was the all-absorbing issue of the campaign. He made an unanswerable argument showing conclusively that the grandfather clause of the proposed. amendment was in violation of the federal constitution and that if it is adopted thousands of unfortunate illiterate white voters would be deprived of the right of suffrage.

The speaker then reviewed the many broken promises of the democratic leaders and charged them with belonging to a party characterized for its insincerity and hypocrisy. He showed furthermore that the cry of negro domination is a false alarm and toot it is only being used by Simmons, Aycock & Co. for the purpose of deceiving the people and getting control of the state.

The senator showed also that the democrats of the state are badly frightened and that they are on the retreat, or otherwise, he said, they would never have changed the amendment ..

Popular indignation forced them to repeal that section of the election law requiring citizens to prove their birth by two electors and for the same reason they were forced to extend the time of paying poll tax till May 1.

His speech was a most forcible and magnificent presentation of the issues of the day and was pronounced by all mance county.

Ex-Congressman Kelley, of South Dakota; Hon. Spencer B. Blackburn and Mr. James E. Boyd were also present and made able and eloquent addresses.

The speaking began at 11 o'clock in the morning and lasted until 4 in the afternoon with the exception of an hour's intermission for dinner.

Alamance is in splendid condition and unless all signs fail the republican tick

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