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Washington, Aug. 22 .- The secretary of war sent the following this afternoon to Chaffee at Pekin: The president joins me in congratulating you and the officers and men of your command on the brilliant achievement in which the courage and fortitude of all the American forces in China have played so honorable a part. We mourn for your fallen comrades and the country is proud and grateful for your great success."

The state department this afternoon made public a despatch received today through the consul at Chefoo from Minister Conger. The despatch is as follaws:

"Pekin, Aug. 19.-Secretary of State, Washington: The entire city with the exception of the imperial palace ic occupied by Japanese, Russians, British, Americans and French. It is being apportionedinto districts for police supervision. The Chinese army fled. The imperial family and court have moved westward, probably to Sian Fu, in the province of Shen Si. No representaties of the Chinese government are in sight in Pekin, and the conditions are chaotic. The palace is expected to be taken immediately. Many missionaries have started for home, while others remain in charge of Chris-

tian refugees, numbering about a thousand."

Washington, Aug. 22 .- The state department officially announced this afternoon that a reply had been made today to the Chinese minister's communication of two telegrams from Li Hung Chang, dated August 19 and 21 respectively, relative to the cessation of hostile demonstratnons and the appointment of representatives to negotiate with China. The correspondece will not be published until tomorrow.

that war be declared.

pate in the entry," adding that the 'way they brought their guns by boat and road from Tien Tsin is an achieve-

ment of which they may be proud." THE FLIGHT OF THE EMPRESS An official despatch from Tien Tsin, dated August 20, and received at Tokio repeats that the Japanese occupied the imperial palace at Pekin August 16, and says that about August 12 the dowager empress and the emperor and ministers left Pekin with about 3,000 troops, their destination, it being supposed, being Sian Fu. Pekin being in great confusion was divided into three districts. Half the Tartar city was placed under control of the Japanese and commissions of Japanese, Ame ican, Russian and French officers were

appointed to maintain order. A detachment of Japanese troops rescued the foreign missionaries and Chinese Christian converts, who had been imprisoned in the palace. Two hundred Chinese were killed or wounded.

MISSIONARIES REPORTED SAFE. Boston, Aug. 22.-The American board of commissioners for foreign missions has received today a cablegram from Chefoo, as follows: "Psalm one twenty-four seven, Pekin, and Tung Chow missionaries; also Chapin, Smith, Wickoff saved."

The passage of scripture alluded is: 'Our soul is escaped as a bird cut of the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken and we are escaped."

The Pekin missionaries are: 'Rev. W. S. Ament, the Rev. C. E. Ewing, wife and children, Miss Adam Havin, Miss Nellie Russell, Mrs. J. L. Mater. The Tung Chow missionaries who had made refuge at Pekin are: Miss Mary the first degree and each received a life E. Andrews, Miss Jane G. Evans, Miss Abbie Chapin, the Rev. Chancey Goodrich, D. D., wife and two children, Miss Luella Miner, Rev. E. G. Tewksbury wife and two children, Rev. Howard S. Galt and wife. The Pang Chuan missionaries, who were at the annual meeting and took refuge at Pe-

Ching missionaries under the same conditions are: The Rev. E. M. Chapin wife and two children.

here from Taku, under date of August 20, say that according to advices from a Japanese source, dated August 17. the battle of Pekin was then finished. the Japanese having entered the imperial palace. The foreign ministers with detachmen'ts of the allied troops were then occupying the imperial city, the Chinese princes and ministers having retired to Sian Fu, west of Pekin. VON WALDERSEE AT ROME.

Count Von Waldersee, who is going to

BIG STRIKES THREATENED

Chicago, Aug. 2 .- Unless the plans of the leaders miscarry, every union man connected with the building trades' council will be called out on a strike before Labor day. The plumbers have already been ordered out, and it is the intention that all other unions whose men are working shall follow suit. Owing to increased activity in the building trades within the last few

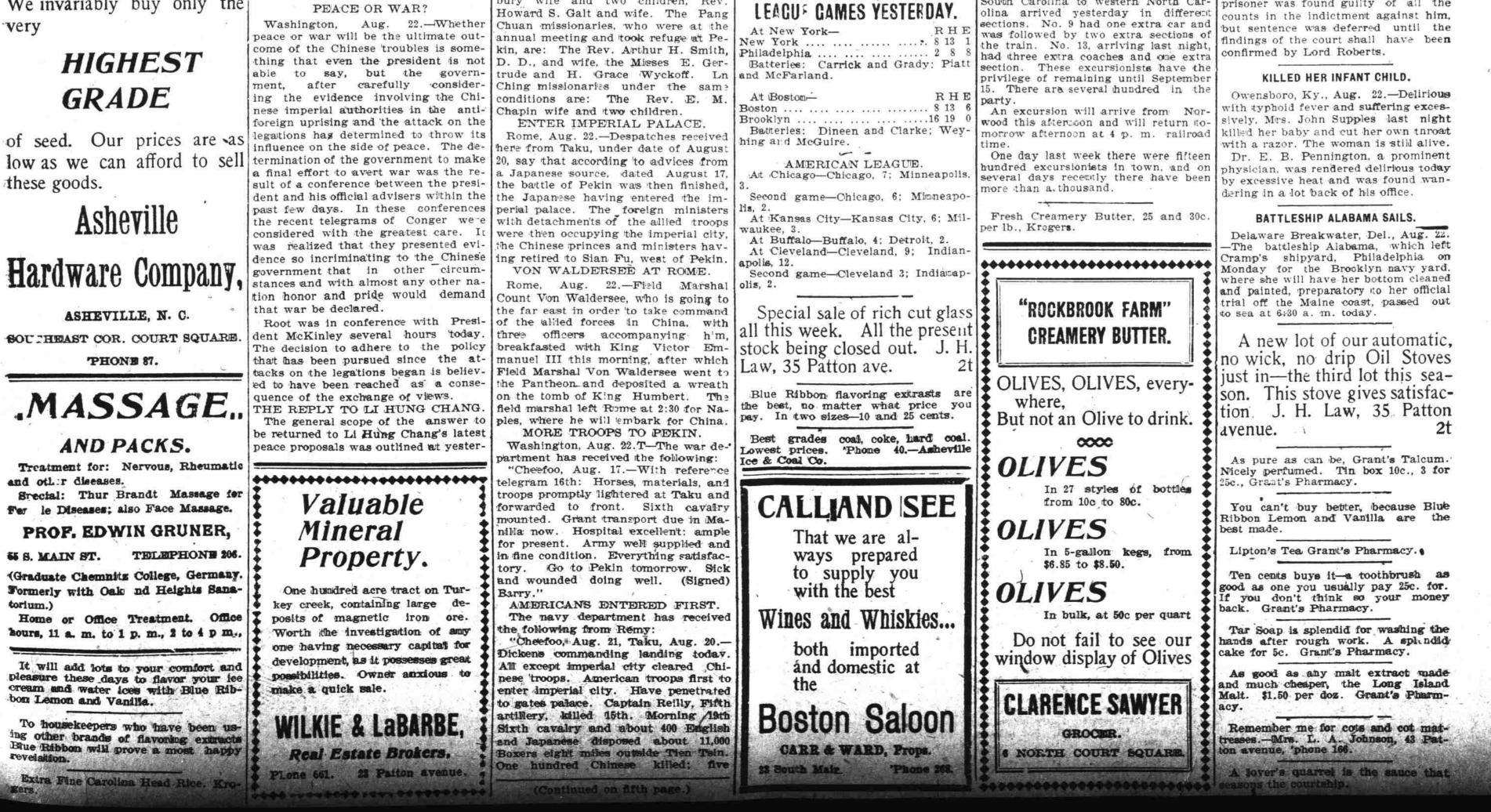
days, many union men have been put to work in some places with the consent of the business agents, and it is the purpose of the unions to stop the work wherever the bosses believed they had won a victory and show them that the labor organizations are still in the fight.

DROUGHT CAUSES DESTRUCTION.

Chattanooga, Aug. 22 .- The protracted and severe hot weather, with almost complete absence of rain, and the temperature averaging from 94 to 97 degrees, is proving disastrous to the interests of farmers in this section. Reliable reports were brought into this city today to the effect that late corn is completely killed in some districts, while hundreds o. acres of strawberry plants are dried up and are a complete loss. The estimated damage to date is great.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR LYNCHERS.

Palestine, Tex., Aug. 22.-Former Chief Justice of the Peace Joseph Wilkerson, the alleged leader of the mob that lynched the three Humphries in Henderson county in May, 1899, and J. T. Johnson, Sam Hall and John P. Gaddis, the remaining four defendants, yesterday pleaded guilty to murder in sentence in the penitentiary. This action disposes of all the Humphries lynching cases, eight in number. Each defendant received a life sentence.



FOUND A JUG OF GOLD.

Richmond, Ky., Aug. 22 .- While | Louis Botha, commander in chief of cleaning out an old cellar under the the Boer forces; General Lucas Meyer. residence of Miss Florence Wood, a commander in chief of the Orange negro servant found a jug of gold con- Free State forces, and General Schalktaining \$9,000. The servant was liberally burger, vice president of the Transvaal rewarded. Nothing is known as to the ownership of the money.

ERIVEN INSANE BY HEAT.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 22.-Two men went insane here yesterday on account of the heat. John Jeruet, a cigar maker, and Frank Riker. The latter has been in the asylum but was discharged a few weeks ago as cured.

COREA GOVERNMENT BUILDING TAX.

Yokohoma, Aug. 22 .- An official despatch from Corea says that a nousand rebels have attacked Song Ching, burning the government buildings located there.

HOSTS OF EXCURSION STS.

Asheville Continues to Receive Hundreds Daily From the Lowlands.

The last two weeks have been notable ones in Asheville, on account of the number of excursions that have poured their floods of visitors into the ity. Most of these have remained but a day in Asheville, and the street railway companies have been the chief beneficiaries of their presence in town. At the Southern depot are busy scenes lately on the arrival or departure of all trains, for travel is very heavy. On one evening this week one excursion of more than 200 persons was leaving by one train while another was unloading an incoming excursion of double that number.

The mountain excursions run from South Carolina to western North Car-

British authorities learn that General

republic, with 8,000 Boers, have assembled at Machadorp (generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger, on the Pretoria-Delagoa bay railroad) with the whole Boer artillery, including the navy pieces formerly at Pretoria.

BRITISH ENGAGE BOERS. London, Aug. 22 .- The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated August 21:

"Lieutenant Colonel Sitwell, reconnoitering near Ventersburg, engaged the Boers. Two British were wounded. Lieutenants Spedding, Davenport. Surtees and Watson and a medical officer and twenty-four men are missing. Hamilton has crossed the Crocodile river. Paget and Baden-Powell engaged the commandos, protecting Dewet August 20. Lieutenant Flowers and one man killed. Lieutenant Kirby and six men were wounded. COMPROMISING LETTERS.

London, Aug. 22 .- Henry Labouchere's publication of the correspondence advising him of the seizure at Pretoria of compromising letters to Secretary Reitz is to be followed by the publication of the whole correspondence with the colonial office which will be issued tonight or tomorrow, all the members of parliament involved having answered the offic'al communication sent to them on the subject.

THE PLOT TO KIDNAP ROBERTS. Pretoria. Aug. 22.-The trial of Lieutenant Gordua, formerly of the Transvaal artillery, on the charge of being concerned in the plot to kidnap General Roberts, was concluded today. The prisoner was found guilty of all the

