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WORD FROM CONGER

Message Dated July 25 Arrives at Chefoo.

HE SAYS LEGATIONS CAN HOLD OUT SIX DAYS—EMPRESS INSTRUCTIONS TO ENCOURAGE BOXERS.

New York, Aug. 4.—A message from Conger in Pekin, dated July 25, has arrived at Chefoo. Minister Conger says the legationers have provisions and can hold out six days. Food in Pekin was growing scarce. It was reported that the cessation of attacks on the foreigners was by imperial decree.

Before the bombardment of Tien Tsin prominent natives urged the viceroy to put down the Boxers, but the viceroy was in their power and wired Li Hung Chang for aid, says a Chefoo special. The latter advised crushing them at once, saying the Boxers had gained too much headway. The viceroy also had instructions from the empress to encourage the Boxer attacks on foreigners. The Boxers have released all criminals. Proofs have been discovered that the viceroy offered and paid a reward for the heads of foreigners. A cage was found especially made for foreign prisoners.

Documents found in the viceroy's office at Tien Tsin give the names of the heads of the Boxers. The numbers are said to be 20,000. There are copies of reports to the throne on the Tien Tsin fighting.

A private letter to the viceroy's secretary indicates that the Pao Ting Fu missionaries were killed. The viceroy is at present in camp with General Maa six miles away. General Sung is at Yang Tsung, 20 miles to the north. He has obstructed the river by sinking stone-laden junk. The forces of General Maa and General Sung are 15,000. London, Aug. 4.—Nothing direct from the allies operating beyond Tien Tsin is to hand, but a news agency dispatch from Shanghai today says a battle is expected Sunday with General Maa's 10,000 Chinese at Yang Tsung. The Russian and French contingents, according to this dispatch, are guarding the communications of the Americans and British, who form the advance column.

A dispatch dated Tien Tsin July 27 says another dispatch from Pekin July 21 has been received duplicating in part one sent by a different route, but adding the military information that the American, British and German legations have provisions barely sufficient for 14 days, and ammunition is short. The ministers again rejected the proposition of the Chinese government. They leave Pekin under Chinese troops.

Another courier from the Japanese legation brings a dispatch dated July 23 saying that but five days' provisions are left and 25 rounds for each man. British Consul Frazier and the foreign community are leaving Ching Kun, province of Sze Chuen, in consequence of an official warning from Shanghai. There is no trouble in Ching Kun now or in any part of Sze Chuen, but disturbances are expected when the allies reach Pekin.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—General Grodekoff has sent the following to the war office: "Khaabarovsk, Aug. 1.—Two columns from Blagovestchensk crossed Amur river 3 a. m. under Colonel Schwerin and Scherkinoff, attacked Chinese troops and took the town of Sakhalin, one gun and quantity of Mauser cartridges. Steamer Silenga suffered severely from rifle fire. Transbaikian detachment under Colonel Paotenhauer bombarded Alguin with 12 mortars and Chinese replied. One officer and five men killed and 15 wounded. Four armored steamers are patrolling coast."

A dispatch from Shan Hu, dated today, says that after Li Hung Chang left Canton imperial troops joined the Boxers. The dispatch adds that the provincial troops along the Yang-tse river remain quiet, owing to a promise of the viceroy of Nankin. The Boxers, it is further stated in the dispatch, are murdering missionaries in South China, but are not disturbing the treaty ports. Troops are being brought to the treaty ports.

Batteries on the Yang-tse river, the dispatch says, are being repaired, and new ones are being erected at Wu Sung despite the declaration of the viceroy that the work would be stopped. Five guns have been mounted. The dispatch accused the British of a secret understanding with the viceroy in accounting for the indifference of the British fleet to the strengthening of the Chinese forts at Wu Sung.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON DREDGE BOAT

Blows Up in the Middle of Tampa Bay.

TWENTY PEOPLE WERE ABOARD AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL PERISHED.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 4.—Dredge boat No. 2, belonging to Rittenhouse & Moore blew up in the middle of Tampa bay at 7 this morning. Twenty people were aboard and it is feared all perished.

The boat was valued at \$60,000. It was equipped with four gasoline engines and had two large tanks aboard. It is probable that there were at least 5000 gallons of gasoline on board at the time of the explosion.

Tugboats have gone down, but will not return for some time and give a list of fatalities.

There was no insurance, according to the best belief.

The dredge drew 13 feet of water and could not have been towed close enough to shore to allow the men to swim.

INTEREST CENTERS IN SENATORIAL CONTEST

THIS DISTRICT IS CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES.

An interest in Asheville in the recent election is now centered in the senatorial contest for this district. Both sides are claiming the places. The Republicans are basing their claim on the supposition that Madison county has gone Republican by from 1100 to 1300 majority. This is the information they have. Admitting, they say, that Buncombe's Democratic majority is 700, Haywood will not give a large enough Democratic majority to enable the Democrats to offset Madison's vote.

The Democrats say that Judger is certainly elected, and that probably Stringfield is. They say that Haywood's returns will give a safe Democratic majority, and that if Madison's Republican majority is over 1000 there must have been some fraud perpetrated. The exact returns from Madison and Haywood are not yet in, and the situation appears to be extremely uncertain.

Chairman Donald Gillis of the Democratic senatorial committee, states that the senatorial ticket will be successful by a small majority.

MINISTER AND WIFE A LOVELESS COUPLE

FORMER TAKES BEDSTEAD AND SHOTGUN AND LEAVES.

Pana, Ill., Aug. 4.—Rev. Mr. Query, for nine years pastor of the Baptist church at Honey Bend, started his congregation Wednesday night by announcing that for 18 years no love had existed between himself and his wife and that they had finally decided to separate. He asked the church to accept his resignation as its pastor, declaring that he had been warned in a dream to take this step.

An affecting scene followed in which the tears of many of the congregation were mingled with those of the pastor. In the division of property, Mrs. Query was awarded the house and lot at Raymond, the family horse and buggy and \$150 cash. The minister contented himself with a bedstead and a shotgun. Mr. Query is over 50 years old.

STRIKE ON THE C. P.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 4.—On the Canadian Pacific yesterday the machinists, blacksmiths, boiler-makers, fitters, laborers and locomotive painters struck from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast, at Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Lacombe, Field and Cranbrook. In Winnipeg, including the men dismissed on Monday, 650 are out. The men claim many dismissals were made last week in an attempt to break up their unions, hence the strike. They believe a sympathetic tie up will be effected.

COLLIER CROSS-EXAMINED.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 4.—Adjutant-General Collier was placed on the stand this morning for cross-examination. The witness told of keeping soldiers at the state arsenal prior to the shooting, but could not remember whether they brought any arms into the state capitol grounds. He admitted having refused to allow civil officers to go into the executive building to execute a writ of habeas corpus, saying he had orders from Governor Taylor to do so.

ELOPERS DROWNED.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Aug. 4.—Martha Hendricks, 17 years old, and Paul Verner, an eloping couple, lost their lives yesterday by drowning in the Current river while attempting to escape from the angry father of the girl. The elopers sought to outwit their pursuer by crossing the river. They embarked in a skiff, which struck a snag midway the stream and overturned.

CANVASSING THE RETURNS

County Board Meets Here Today at Noon.

CASE OF SWANNANOVA

Facts About Its Vote Stated by Chairman.

OFFICIAL RESULT OF VOTE IN COUNTY MAY NOT BE DETERMINED TILL LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

The county board of canvassers met today at noon in the court room to canvass the election returns for the county. The board is composed of one election officer from each precinct in the county. The chairman, elected by themselves, is ex-officio member of the state board of elections.

W. L. Gash of Swannanoa was elected chairman and T. R. Harrison of Asheville secretary. The following constitute the board:

Avery's Creek, S. B. Bishop; Lower Hominy, Church Crowell; Upper Hominy No. 1, C. W. Howell; No. 2, A. Z. Wright; Leicester No. 1, T. F. Reynolds; No. 2, absent; No. 3, J. L. Williamson; Sandy Mush, G. T. Anderson; French Broad, W. J. Clontz; Reems Creek No. 1, P. P. Roberts; No. 2, absent; Flat Creek, M. F. Roberts; Ivy No. 1; J. B. Hyder; No. 2, T. G. Garrison; Black Mountain, J. O. Gregg; Swannanoa, W. L. Gash; Fairview, W. J. Melton; Limestone, J. B. Powers; Biltmore No. 1, W. G. Reed; No. 2, A. J. Roberts; Hazel, E. B. Atkinson; Beaverdam, D. L. Reynolds; Haw Creek, B. F. Smith; Asheville No. 1, J. T. Bostic; No. 2, Harold Johnston; No. 3, E. N. Waddell; No. 4, T. R. Harrison; No. 5, W. J. Postell; No. 6, A. R. Ogburn.

Before the board can declare the result of the election it must pass upon all questions relative to the accuracy of the count in the different precincts. The first question of this kind arose about the Swannanoa returns. The facts were stated by the chairman as he understood them, and were corroborated by George W. Young, deputy superior court clerk, who resides at Swannanoa.

It appears that at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the election officers thought that everyone had voted, and they counted the vote. When they had done this 14 voters came up and deposited their votes. In recording these ballots, through inadvertence, on the senatorial ticket, only the heads of tickets were counted. Thus Judger and Boone received the proper additions, 13 for the former and six for the latter, while the remainder of the senatorial candidates and legislative candidates received no credit whatever for the additional votes. Mr. Young testified that of his own knowledge the 19 votes cast were straight tickets and all the candidates should have been credited as the heads of the tickets were.

The board decided to take the matter under advisement. An adjournment was taken at 1 o'clock until 2. Other matters are expected to come up which will engage the attention of the board, so it is the expectation that the official result will not be declared until late this afternoon, if at all today.

The returns from the different precincts are all in, but are sealed and not accessible to the public.

IN HAYWOOD.

A message to The Citizen today from J. D. Boone at Waynesville says that Haywood will give the state ticket a Democratic majority of from 450 to 500.

MORE RETURNS FROM THE STATE ELECTION

DEMOCRATS HAVE 100 MEMBERS OF LOWER HOUSE.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 4.—[Special.]—Chairman Simmons has a telegram from Dare county. It goes Democratic. Brunswick goes for the amendment but re-elects McNell to the lower house. He is the one who twice voted against the amendment.

The Democrats have elected 100 members of the house and 38 senators. Chatham, Moore and Randolph are yet in doubt as to the senatorial vote. If the Democrats have carried them they will have 40 senators. Yancey and McDowell are safely Democratic. Burke is Democratic by over 400. Watauga is Republican.

HUMBERT'S FUNERAL ON NEXT THURSDAY

Shoemaker Nicolini Was Bresci's Accomplice.

MESSAGE OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT M'KINLEY FROM VICTOR EMMANUEL III.

Rome, Aug. 4.—The date of Humbert's funeral has been fixed for Thursday next.

Monza, Aug. 4.—It is now believed that shoemaker Nicolini of Billa was Bresci's accomplice. Nicolini has disappeared, but he telegraphed to Bresci July 20, announcing his departure, "everything being ready."

Washington, Aug. 4.—The king of Italy has sent the following to President McKinley: "I heartily thank your excellency and the great American people who share in my grief and that of my country, which has strengthened the old bonds of friendship existing between the two countries. Victor Emmanuel III."

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES

REPRESENTATIVE METING TO BE HELD AT RALEIGH.

Atlanta, Aug. 4.—The second annual meeting of the commissioners of agriculture to be held at Raleigh, N. C., August 28, promises to surpass both in point of attendance and in importance the meeting last year in New Orleans at which the association was organized.

Indications point to the representation at the convention of Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina and possibly Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

The commissioner of each state will be called on for a paper reflecting the agricultural conditions in his state during the year with especial reference to the extent of the cotton acreage judged by the figures of last year. The commissioners are endeavoring to get in closer touch with the farmers of the south and all branches of that industry will be discussed, in addition to the attention given the cotton crop.

REPAIRS FOR THE OREGON.

Washington, Aug. 4.—It will take probably four months to put the Oregon in condition for service. The department people have no idea of the cost of the work, but judging from the two months' work necessary on the Brooklyn, which cost \$70,000, it is thought the government will be obliged to spend \$100,000 on the Oregon.

Naval Constructor Rubin, who is en route to Manila to take the place of Constructor Hobson, ordered home, has been intercepted at Yokohama and instructed to proceed to Kura and superintend the work.

TAMPA FEVER SITUATION.

Tampa, Aug. 4.—The fever situation is unchanged. No new cases had been reported up to noon. State Health Officer J. Y. Porter and Assistant Surgeon General White of the marine hospital service arrived here this morning but have made no report yet. A number of people left this morning on outgoing trains. Many are also leaving in vehicles, going into the country. Excitement is not running high so far.

SERVICE IN CHAPEL ROYAL.

London, Aug. 4.—Simultaneously with the funeral of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha today a memorial service was held in the chapel royal at St. James' palace, attended by the royal family. The service was fully choral. The congregation wore court dress.

MACON VOTE.

Franklin, N. C., Aug. 3.—[Special.]—Semi-official returns give Crisp 46 majority, Dean for representative 26 majority, Higdon for sheriff 58, Blaine, Democrat, 10 for register, Fusion commissioner elected.

SHOT OVER ELECTION.

Chattanooga, Aug. 4.—A special from Decherd, Tenn., says that Will Elder shot and killed James Armstrong at Elk River, as the result of a quarrel over the election. Both were well to do citizens of the place. Elder surrendered to the authorities.

U. S. FLAG ON BURNED TRAIN

Work of Patrol of Boers in Vicinity of Kroonstad.

U. S. CONSUL ABOARD

2,500 Boer Prisoners at General Hunter's Camp.

RAVINES ARE CHOKED WITH WAGONS, AND ROADS ARE BLOCKED FOR DISTANCE OF TWENTY MILES.

Bloemfontein, Aug. 4.—A train on board which was United States Consul Stowe and over which was flying the stars and stripes was derailed and burned at Honigspruit, south of Kroonstad, by a flying patrol of Boers. No prisoners were taken.

Fouriersburg, Aug. 4.—There are 2500 Boer prisoners at General Hunter's camp and 1500 prisoners and nine guns at Ian Hamilton's camp. There were about 6000 in Caledon valley originally, but some refused to acquiesce in the Prinsloos surrender and slipped away in the night. These have now sent in asking terms of surrender. It will take some days to ascertain the exact number. Boers who excuse themselves for not fighting say they are in a helpless condition.

Ravines are choked with wagons, which are placed in the most dangerous spots of the roads, which are blocked for 20 miles.

London, Aug. 4.—Roberts telegraphs to the war office General Hunter reports that 248 men have surrendered to him.

COAST STREWN WITH WRECKS.

London, Aug. 4.—Channel traffic was interrupted today by a gale and the Welsh coast is strewn with wrecks of coasters and pleasure craft. The racing yacht Corsair was sunk in a collision with a steam fishing boat off Ramsgate. A steambot believed to be the Fairy Queen sank off Lapwell. Crops are much damaged and telegraph wires in Great Britain and over half the continent are partly down.

OHIO PYTHIANS.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 4.—The annual reunion of the Ohio Knights of Pythias is being held here today. Visiting members of the order from throughout the state to the number of about 3000 are in attendance. The amusements of the day consist of a program of sports that are being greatly enjoyed. At the close of the parade a flag was presented to the Second Ohio regiment by the Rathbone Sisters of Cleveland.

BACK IN CANTON.

Canton, Aug. 4.—President McKinley returned to Canton this morning.

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