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## KETTELER IS DEAD.

**Fear That Other Foreign Envoys At Pekin Are Killed. Were Safe June 26, But Could Hardly Defend Their Position Twenty-Four Hours Longer.**

London, July 2, 4 a. m.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Times telegraphs that official information was received there on Sunday confirming the report that Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Pekin, was murdered by Chinese troops on June 18. The foreign office has received a dispatch from the consul at Che Foo that the German minister was killed on June 18, and that all the legations except the British, German and French had been destroyed. The foreign ministers were holding out as late as the 28th, at the British building, but it was doubted whether they could resist 24 hours longer, as the government could no longer afford protection.

The Times' dispatch from Shanghai says that Sheng, the Chinese director of railways, received on Sunday by special courier service from Pekin via Paoting Fu, an urgent message from Viceroy Yung Lu, dated June 26, directing him to urge the speedy advance of the foreign troops, and stating that the position at Pekin was critical. The soldiers were rioting in the streets and the emperor, the tsung li yamen, and Prince Ching himself were powerless to control events. Sheng, in an interview with the British consul general, confirmed the information in the message of Friday stating that Prince Tuan was dictating a violent anti-foreign policy, assisted by 15,000 troops under Gen. Tungfuhsiang, in Pekin; those under Gen. Nieh, at Tien Tsin, and the Boxers.

Sheng regards the position in the north as extremely serious, though only on Saturday the Nanking viceroy had telegraphed Sheng assurance that the legations were all well on the 25th, and this was confirmed in a sense by information received by a military correspondent at Tien Tsin, writing on the 26th, to the effect that a runner who arrived there on the 24th stated that the British legation was the refuge of all Europeans, and they were holding out. They had refused to accept a Chinese escort and leave the capital, holding the tsung li yamen responsible for its safety.

From a trustworthy source it is learned that Viceroy Liu received by telegraph from Yuan Shipka an edict, dated Pekin, June 20, wherein the throne, after referring to the difficulty of solving the problem of the anti-foreign movement and the gloomy outlook for the future, bids the viceroy protect his own borders while doing the best to help Pekin in this crisis. Well informed Chinese regard the document as a valedictory, and are thereby convinced of the truth of earlier reports that the empress dowager and emperor have fled westward, and that Prince Tuan having assumed control of the government, has placed the son, the heir designate, on the throne.

### Details of Ketteler's Murder.

London, July 2.—Official dispatches received by the consular body at Shanghai confirm in the fullest manner the report of the butchery of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, on June 18. The minister was riding on Legation street when he was attacked by Chinese troops and Boxers, dragged from his horse, and killed. His body was hacked to pieces with swords. The German legation and six other buildings were burned, and a number of servants of the legation were killed and their bodies thrown into the flames.

Official confirmation of this ghastly business has created the utmost consternation among the consuls general of the powers, who expressed fears that war of a outrance will be declared against the Pekin government. The consuls entertain little hope that any foreigners are left alive in the capital. There were 100 foreigners connected with the legations, 50 in the custom house, English and American tourists, and others to the number of 150, and nearly 500 legation guards.

### LI HUNG-RAISING ARMY.

**Keeping the Boxers in Subjection In the Province of Canton.**

London, July 2.—The Hong Kong correspondent of The Times, telegraphing Sunday, says:

"The anti-foreign feeling in Canton and its neighborhood, although deepening, is kept in subjection by the stringent measures of Viceroy Li Hung Chang, who is recruiting large reinforcements of troops. A large crowd threatened the Wesleyan mission at Fatchan Friday, but no damage was done.

"Telegrams from Tientsin yesterday report a serious attack on German railway engineers in the neighborhood of Kaum. The Europeans escaped, but many Chinese were killed and much property destroyed. The Memorial church at Yeh-chang has been burned, and the missionaries at Tientsin have been ordered to leave by the mandarins. It is further stated that Tuna Sathaki, governor of Thangning, has refused to permit German troops to go to Weichow to assist the American mission.

The torpedo boat destroyer Fama destroyed the Hsinsheng fort, on Peha

river, on June 26, and the road from Taku to Tien Tsin is now clear and the villages vacated. The advance was hampered by lack of transport and cavalry.

The Japanese are still massing troops at Taku. Copies of alleged edicts were received by local officials yesterday, presumably emanating from Prince Tuan, urging the expulsion and extermination of foreigners. The position in and around the capital is evidently one of internecine war, the allegiance of the native troops being divided between the parties of Yung Lu and Prince Tuan, the latter's greatly preponderating. Here among the natives the panic is subsiding.

### Alleged Russian Outrages.

London, July 2.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Tong Ku, without date, via Che Foo, Friday, says: "It is improper any longer to conceal the harm done to the cause of the allies by the barbarities and the pillage of the Russians on the day after the bombardment. They wantonly shot natives and looted everything, including the European houses in Taku. The natives for miles around were looted of supplies, and labor is scarcer."

### Insurrection Subsiding.

St. Petersburg, July 1.—According to intelligence received in official quarters here, the Chinese population in several localities has placed itself under the protection of Russia. The Boxer insurrection is no longer spreading, but is declining, and maintains itself only in the province of Pe Chi Li.

The view of the situation in government circles is that, with pacific action on the part of the powers and the good will of the Chinese government, the Boxer rebellion will be disposed of in a short time.

### Germany Practically Declares War on China.

Berlin, July 2.—From well authenticated reports the representative of the Associated Press is able to state today, after the detailed statement by Count von Buelow, secretary of state for foreign affairs, regarding the Chinese situation, Emperor William made up his mind to insist upon full satisfaction for the death of Baron von Ketteler, for which purpose he resolved to send altogether armed forces approximately as large as those of the other powers chiefly interested in restoring order in China. The precise size of the forces has not yet been determined, but it is expected that they will altogether amount to a score of thousand. A considerable portion of the German fleet will be sent also. This is evidenced by orders issued tonight to prepare five large battleships for sailing.

### Troops Reach Pekin.

London, July 2.—A Shanghai dispatch says that the force which left Tien Tsin after Admiral Seymour's rescue party, has defeated the Chinese troops and reached Pekin. This force was composed largely of Russians.

### FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

July 2, 1900.

Some of the farmers have commenced curing tobacco.

Miss Bessie Parrott returned Friday from Mt. Olive.

Miss Beatrice Rayner, of Kinston, is visiting Miss Lottie Wood.

Dr. Ray Pollock, of Kinston, visited at Mr. W. L. Kennedy's Sunday.

Mr. Carr Carraway, of Lousin Swamp, spent Sunday at Mr. E. T. Mosely's.

Mr. D. E. Wood and Mrs. Maude Hadley visited at Lousin Swamp Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Brewer and children, who had been visiting at Mr. Mumford Brewer's, returned to Kinston Thursday.

### 16 to 1 to Be Declared.

Kansas City, July 2.—From those who will make the Democratic platform, it is said that there will be an explicit declaration for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box, 25c.

## GENERAL NEWS.

**Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.**

Fire burned the building occupied by The Detroit (Mich.) Journal on Sunday. Loss \$75,000.

Four persons of a fishing party of eight were drowned in Boston harbor Sunday by the overturning of their cat boat.

In a head-end collision of passenger trains on the B. & O. Southwestern railway, near Remington, O., Sunday, several passengers and trainmen were injured. The collision was due to the operator at Remington failing to give orders to the eastbound train.

The trial of Philip Nordlund, who May 7 last, as the steamship Prins Carl, on which he was a passenger, was passing Quicksand, murdered seven men and wounded five others, a woman and a boy, and escaped in a boat to Koping, and who was captured the following day at Eskiletnar, was concluded Saturday, and resulted in the prisoner being convicted and sentenced to death.

The reservoir of the Grand Rapids, Mich., water works system burst Monday and a deluge of more than 100,000,000 gallons of water swept down a hillside, at the foot of which hundreds of families lived. The loss of life is not known, but the property damage is hundreds of thousands of dollars. Houses and barns were washed away, and a district three blocks square was wrecked. None of the houses in the district escaped damage.

At Cumberland, Md., the police are searching for an unknown white man who made a vicious assault Saturday night on Wing Lee, a laundryman. The stranger went into Lee's place and asked roughly, "Are you an American or a Chinaman?" He replied that he was a Chinaman, whereupon his interrogator grabbed a pair of shears and made for the laundryman, exclaiming, "We're killing you Chinese in China, and I'm going to kill you now." Lee's nose was almost cut off in the struggle. His assailant escaped.

The 13-year-old daughter of Nelson Booth, at Belington, W. Va., was shot in the ankle a few days ago by a bullet intended for a yankee soldier 36 years ago. An old Confederate revolver, which no one thought was loaded, was placed in a grate as a summer ornament. Scraps of paper in some manner became ignited and the weapon exploded. Oma Booth's ankle was shattered. Mrs. Booth threw the revolver out of the window, where a second charge exploded, the bullet passing through the door. The incident has caused an overhauling of all the old army weapons in the vicinity.

### 200 LIVES LOST.

**The Injured Bring Casualties Up to Half a Thousand.**

New York, July 1.—The losses sustained in the fire at the docks of the North German Lloyd steamship company, in Hoboken, yesterday, are tonight conservatively placed at nearly \$10,000,000; the loss of life, while merely guess work at even this late hour, will probably reach as high as 200, and there are over 300 men in the hospitals in this city, Hoboken and Jersey City badly burned.

### The Oregon May Be Saved.

Washington, July 2.—The following telegram, relating to the Oregon, was received by Secretary Long today:

Che Foo, July 1.—The Oregon has run aground. She is not in a dangerous position; about 38 degrees north latitude, 20 degrees 40 minutes longitude. Have sent to her assistance three naval vessels. It is reported that there is water in one compartment. The commander of the Oregon did not require assistance, a Japanese man-of-war having boarded the vessel.

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### HARDEST JOB TO COME.



Mark Hanna: "Well, Mac, it's all done except bringing over the elephant."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### LaGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.  
LaGRANGE, July 3, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duke left Saturday to visit relatives in Onslow county. Apart from being one of the finest speakers in North Carolina, Hon. R. B. Glenn is one of the most pleasant and entertaining men in conversation we know. He spoke to about 400 people at Seven Springs last Thursday, and sustained his enviable reputation as an orator. We hope to see him succeed Hon. Jeter Pritchard in the United States senate.

Beaten but not conquered. The captain of the LaGrange team claims that the delay in starting the game at Kinston Monday operated against his team, as it curtailed the time in which they otherwise would have had an opportunity of redeeming themselves. He also states that he failed to find three of his bats and one mit in his hurry to catch the train. As the game now stands one to one Captain Parks wishes to play the "rub" game, and will play either in Kinston or LaGrange.

Prof. J. E. Debnam is a very busy man these hot days, hustling for the Debnam and Kinsey School. The catalogue is now being circulated, as is also an attractive advertisement in The Kinston FREE PRESS. With the military feature and the promise that, if success attends his efforts, the school shall be permanent and also with the reputation for health and successful schools LaGrange has always enjoyed, we see no reason why we shall not soon have under way a great educational institution.

### ORMONDSVILLE ITEMS.

July 2, 1900.

Mr. Hardy Sugg, of Snow Hill, visited here Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Turnage went to Kinston last Tuesday.

Miss Mittie Harper, of Snow Hill, is visiting Miss Bettie Coward.

Mr. W. J. Hardy and sister, Miss Fannie, visited Institute yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards, of Ayden, visited relatives here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. T. Ormond, of Kinston, spent several days visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. Hugh Lassiter, of Lizzie, was here a short while Saturday on his way back from Winterville.

Mr. J. M. Ormond returned from Asheville last Tuesday, where he has been attending the Y. M. C. A. convention.

A good many from our neighborhood attended the picnic at Barrett's school house last Thursday. They report a pleasant trip and a fine speech.

Mess. J. M. Ormond and J. C. Dail attended the Democratic speaking at Winterville. They report a pleasant trip and a fine speech.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Darden went to Seven Springs last Sunday. Mr. Darden will return today but Mrs. Darden will remain for several days.

There were not very many out at the speaking Saturday evening on account of rain, but nevertheless Mr. Albritton gave us a good speech. Mr. Y. T. Ormond also gave us a very good speech.

### He Bought a Section.

A Pittsburger who has money to spare had to go east on short notice. He is a man given to exclusiveness, and he detests traveling in a public conveyance because he is thrown in with so many persons of whom he knows nothing. When he does take a trip, he takes a stateroom wherever he can get it, or, failing in that, if his business is urgent, he takes a section in the sleeping car. He had little time to make arrangements last week, but his first thought was of a stateroom. He called one of the employees and hurried him to the ticket office.

"Get a stateroom, if you can," he said, "and, if you cannot, get a section. You know what a section is—two berths."

"Yes, sir," replied the man as he started off.

He returned soon with the information that there wasn't a stateroom to be had on the train.

"But I got two berths for you, sir," he said, handing out two tickets.

He nearly lost his job when his employer examined the tickets and found one for "upper 3" and the other for "upper 8."—Pittsburg News.

### His Strategy.

"I am going to sea," the young man said, and paused.

The young girl gasped, "O Harry—er—Mr. Timid!" She could not conceal the tears in her voice.

Then he knew what he had feared to ask in so many words.

"I am going to sea," he repeated. "your father tonight, if you will give me permission." Then she fell upon his bosom.—Philadelphia Press.

### LOST!

Many golden opportunities have been lost by those who suffer from Rheumatism. By taking Rheumacide now they will be permanently and positively cured. Sold by J. S. Hoad.

## STATE NEWS.

**Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.**

Maj. W. L. Palmer, of Newbern, died Sunday, aged 88.

Tarboro Southerner: Cotton blooms continue to be sent to this office. Having settled upon who is entitled to the honor of being the first, watermelons and other fruit will be in order and gratefully received.

Jack Self, a motorman on a street car at Charlotte, drank an ounce of laudanum Sunday night and disappeared. He was found Monday. He had vomited the drug so it is thought he may recover. It is thought possible that a woman was the cause of his rash deed.

Scottish Chief: Dr. J. D. Groom while taking up the usual contribution at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, was bitten by a snubbed nose, "hair-lip" face-dog. We agreed to know the wound is not serious, but isn't it about time to stop this church-going dog business?

Williamston Enterprise: Spread a canvas over Robersonville and you have an up-to-date hospital. Never in the memory of man has there been so much sickness. There is not a family in town that does not require the doctor—measles, whooping cough, bronchitis, dysentery, typhoid fever, etc.—and often the same patient has a combination.

The North Carolina delegation to the Democratic national convention left Raleigh Sunday afternoon. C. C. Lyon, who was elected a delegate from the Third district, resigned, and H. McD. Robinson succeeds him. The only delegate who did not go was A. W. Graham, of the Fifth district. All the delegates are for Bryan. There is no choice for vice president. Towne has no Democratic supporters in North Carolina. The delegates' badges bore the inscription: "North Carolina, the Republic against the Empire. Kansas City, July 4, 1900," with a portrait of Bryan.

### NEW REGISTRATION.

**An Entire New Registration Is Required. Books Open Thursday, June 28th, and Close July 21st.**

Beginning on Thursday, June 28th, the registration books will be opened and every elector must register, as an entire new registration is necessary.

The books open at 9 o'clock a. m., on above date and close at sunset Saturday, July 21, 1900.

The books are to be kept open each day (except Sunday) between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and sunset.

On Saturday, June 30, Saturday, July 14, and Saturday, July 21, the registrar is required to attend at the polling places in his precinct with his books for the registration of voters.

The registrar is required to attend at the polling place in his precinct on Saturday, July 28, 1900, for the purpose of allowing an inspection of his books and entering any challenges that may be made.

But challenges may be made on the day of election.

No registration can be allowed after July 21, 1900, unless the person offering to register has become qualified since that date, and in that event he may register on election day.

### BASEBALL.

MONDAY.

Cincinnati 9, New York 6.  
Chicago 6, Philadelphia 9.  
Pittsburg 2, Boston 1.  
Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 2.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won	Lost	Per Ct.
Brooklyn	36	20	.643
Philadelphia	33	24	.579
Pittsburg	31	28	.523
Boston	27	28	.491
Chicago	28	30	.483
Cincinnati	27	30	.474
St. Louis	24	30	.444
New York	19	35	.352

### State League Games.

MONDAY.

Durham 6, Raleigh 0.  
Tarboro 10, Wilmington 3.

### STANDING OF STATE LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Per Ct.
Durham	4	2	.667
Raleigh	3	3	.500
Tarboro	2	2	.500
Statesville	1	1	.500
Charlotte	1	2	.333
Wilmington	1	2	.333

### Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boech's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.