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SAFE ON JULY 4TH.

All the Legations in Pekin, Except German, Safe on July 4th. Dowager Empress Again in Control. Japanese Enormous Preparations.

Washington, July 10.—The following official dispatch was received here from China:

"Che Foo, Secretary of State, Washington. 'Shan Tung, governor, wires has reports 4th July all legations in Pekin safe except German. FOWLER, Consul."

Mr. Goodnow Wires the News.

Washington, July 10.—Secretary Hay has received a dispatch from Mr. Goodnow, United States consul at Shanghai, stating that it is given out by the governor of Shang Tung that the legations were standing on July 5th, and that the outlaws were dispersing. Mr. Goodnow adds that this statement does not obtain general credence.

Gen. McArthur wires that 1,000 more troops will leave Manila on July 13th and will probably reach Taku July 20th. He intimates that it will be impossible for him to send more at present.

EMPRESS AGAIN IN CONTROL.

She Sends Dispatches Recommending the Protection of Foreigners at Any Cost.

Shanghai, July 10.—News from official sources was received last night at 10 o'clock, to the effect that the empress had on June 30th resumed the reins of government and appointed Yung Lu prime minister. It is said that she sent dispatches to Nanking by courier at the rate of 100 per day, thanking the viceroys of the Yang Tse Kiang provinces for their loyalty and recommending that they protect foreigners at any cost.

JAPAN'S PREPARATIONS.

To Put 63,000 Troops in China Before the Rainy Season.

London, July 11.—The Che Foo correspondent of The Express, telegraphing yesterday, Tuesday, says:

"The Japanese force is equipped with 36 heavy mortars and 20 field guns and has pontoon and balloon sections. It is expected either Marshal Nodsu or Marshal Cyama will take command. The plan of campaign contemplates operations extending two or three years.

"A further force of 13,000 men will be landed at Taku a week hence, and 10,000 additional soon afterwards. Before the rainy season is well advanced Japan hopes to have 63,000 troops in China.

"These formidable preparations are viewed with great distrust by Russia, Germany and France."

THE SITUATION IMPROVED.

Prince Ching With His 10,000 Troops Siding With the Foreigners.

London, July 10, 3:25 a. m.—With the foreigners in Pekin probably safe amid civil war, with Prince Ching on their side, with the powers united and their forces constantly increasing, the outlook in China is now rather more hopeful than it has been for a month past. It appears from the cautious statement given out by Taotai Sheng in Shanghai that the reasons that the heavy guns bearing on the legations at Pekin were not used is that Prince Ching, who is served by 10,000 troops, seized all the artillery ammunition. Sheng likewise intimates that Yung Lu, commander in chief of the northern army, is associated with Prince Ching in opposing Prince Tuan's ferocious designs and dictatorial ambition. Sheng, who appears to be the sole Shanghai conduit of Pekin, cheers the foreign consuls by these confidential communications, but takes excessive precautions to prevent the Chinese from thinking him friendly to the foreigners.

The feeling of unrest in the southern and central provinces continues. The members of the official class in those provinces strive to remain neutral, with a leaning toward the foreigners, until they shall see whether moderate or extreme factions will win in Pekin. Prince Ching seems to be standing for the dynasty and the old order against Prince Tuan's inordinate ambition.

CAPTURE OF PEKIN THE KEY TO THE SITUATION.

From a foreign view point, the capture of Pekin is the key to the situation as there is a fear, according to The Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent, that delay now means 100 recruits for the Boxers for every soldier of the allies in the land.

Two couriers arrived at Tien Tsin on July 1st, from Pekin. One brought a letter from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, to the same effect as that previously received from Sir Robert Hart. The couriers confirm the report of the death of Baron von Ketteler. They say that Prince Ching is doing his utmost to protect the foreigners, but that the native feeling against the whites is strong. Two high officials opposed to the Boxers

are reported by the couriers to have been assassinated.

Sir Claude MacDonald's letter is dated four days earlier than that of Sir Robert Hart.

A dispatch to a news agency here, dated Tien Tsin July 2, says: "The empress dowager, so far from being dead, is actively striving to prevent the factions fighting. Prince Ching has informed her that he would rather lose his head than be constantly obliged to warn her of the consequences of the prolongation of the present anarchy. Prince Tuan is quite willing that Ching should be decapitated, but the dowager empress will not allow this. Prince Tuan has decided that he will take full responsibility. He purposes to retake Tien Tsin and Taku. Outside of Pekin, except in the Pe-Chili and Shan Tung country, the people are supremely indifferent. However all this may be, the allies at Tien Tsin are having an exceedingly unpleasant time."

The last engagement of which news has come through, occurred on July 6th. The Chinese artillery opened at dawn. Their fire was more accurate and their ammunition better, the shells exploding with precision and setting fire to several buildings. Her majesty's ship Terrible's guns again quieted the Chinese who, again shifting their artillery, re-opened the attack in the afternoon, but a thunder-storm breaking, the Chinese suddenly quit. The allies immediately attacked and drove the Chinese from their works, but lost 30 killed or wounded in so doing. The non-combatants are leaving Tien Tsin and the opinion of a minority favors the military leaving also.

The Unmasking of Butler.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, national committeeman from North Carolina, telegraphed his paper from Kansas City:

"The honest people of North Carolina who know Butler's true character will be glad to know that at last the honest leaders of the Populists have found him out. It was his use of southern votes, representing no strength, that forced the nomination of Towne at Sioux City. Nearly every leader of the party except Butler opposed that nomination. He used his position as chairman and used padded southern votes to force his own re-election as chairman. In doing both he betrayed the confidence of the biggest men in the party who now have no confidence in him. If I had the liberty to print the names of the Populists who denounced Butler in language more forcible than W. H. Kitchin ever used, it would show the wily senator that his race as a Populist leader has ended. The Towne men blame Butler for their failure, and some didn't hesitate to say that they had found out that he was a Republican agent.

"Towne comes out of the convention with a great reputation. He bore himself with the dignity and character of a statesman and a patriot. He promptly urged the silver Republican convention to give their loyal support to Bryan and Stevenson. He will enter the fight in support of the ticket, and by his splendid ability and matchless eloquence be a powerful factor in all this section."

Mr. Butler has for a long time "run with the hare and held with the hounds." He has traded first with the Republican, then with the Democratic party, and then with both at the same time. He has had no object in this save the furtherance of his personal ambition, and no matter with which party he has traded, the trade has always been for Butler.

We Democrats in North Carolina found him out long ago, and it is pleasing to know that the national committee is finding out the man and his purposes.

Mr. Butler's bitter fight for the negro in North Carolina has separated him from the great body of sincere and earnest white Populists who so long believed in him; they see him now as he is—only a schemer and a political trickster, who would betray his race and party for the hope of re-election to the seat in the senate he now occupies.

Mr. Butler is unmasked. His utter selfishness and lack of principle are as patent as his insincerity.

THE POPULISTS IN GREENE.

Eleven Populists and Seven Negroes in County Convention.

Snow Hill, N. C., July 9.—The Populist county convention was held here Saturday. There were present by actual count 11 Populists, 7 negroes, 3 white Republicans and about 30 Democrats, who went to see the fun and be amused.

Chairman Willis E. Murphrey was master of ceremonies and seemed to enjoy the privilege of presiding over such an immense (7) convention. They nominated a full county ticket, remarkable for its extreme weakness.

Greene is safe for the amendment and the Democratic ticket.

A Good Cough Medicine.

Many thousands have been restored to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. If afflicted with any throat or lung trouble, give it a trial for it is certain to prove beneficial. Coughs that have resisted all other treatment for years, have yielded to this remedy and perfect health has been restored. Cases that seemed hopeless, that the climate of some health resorts failed to benefit, have been permanently cured by its use. For sale by J. E. Hood, Druggist.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Jeffries will not fight Rublin, but Fitzsimmons will meet him.

The presidential election was held in Mexico Monday. Diaz was re-elected.

The Oregon will sail for Japan on the 10th or 12th. She will have to be in dry dock about three months.

The total strength of the U. S. army in the Philippines is stated to be 63,426. Of that number 31,821 are regulars and 31,605 volunteers.

Minister Wu has cabled the news to China that large rewards will be paid by the American people for protection of the persons with Minister Conger.

Judge Simonton has handed down an opinion upholding Judge Goff's decision that the telephone company has no right to use the streets of Richmond.

Eleven world's bicycle records were broken by John Nelson, of Chicago, at Charles River Park, Boston, on Monday night. Nelson covered 66 miles and 30 feet in two hours.

An entire family of nine persons died near Calico Rock, Marion county, Ark., from eating poisonous toadstools, mistaking them for mushrooms. The victims were W. J. Fink, his wife and seven children.

The cases of the commonwealth against Youtsey, Powers, Davis, Whitaker and Combs, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel at Frankfort, Ky., January 30th, were called before Judge Cantrill on Monday. There are 97 witnesses for the prosecution.

We did not believe at first that the Boers would keep up guerilla fighting long, but it seems that they will. Chinese news has overshadowed that from South Africa of late, but we are reminded that war still prevails there by England's list of casualties for the past month, it being 3,000 good and valiant men, 1,200 of these being dead.—Charlotte Observer.

In compliance with an agreement signed by representatives of most of the cotton mills in Fall River, Mass., to curtail production four weeks during this summer, several mills Monday suspended operations. All the mills represented on the manufacturers' selling committee have entered into an agreement to close for four weeks. When the curtailment is in full operation nearly 20,000 employees will be affected. The stoppage of machinery is due to the lack of demand for print clothing.

A fatal disease, which the local physicians believe to be smallpox, but concerning which there is some doubt, has broken out at Columbia, La., the seat of justice in Caldwell parish, and the local authorities have appealed to the state board of health for assistance. So far there are 50 cases of this disease. Its peculiarities are that it attacks negroes only, although whites have been thrown in contact with it, and that every person attacked dies sooner or later. The board of health is inclined to think the Caldwell epidemic is smallpox of a virulent type. Two physicians and a large number of tents have been sent there.

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 were 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.

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. "Boecher'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.

BIG RALLY AT DEEP RUN.

Over 1,000 People Present. Capt. Shaw Made a Superb Speech, Carrying Conviction to Hearts of His Hearers.

Lenoir county Democracy had a field day in Trent township yesterday when Capt. W. B. Shaw told the gospel of White Government to over 1,000 people. The weather was hot and the people were busy housing tobacco, but they came out by hundreds and brought dinner for all, and to spare.

Some came the night before and camped on the field. Daylight brought more, until by 11 o'clock the grove around the old Deep Run meeting house looked like the scene of a Georgia camp meeting. Elder Cunningham was field marshal, and no general ever carried out a campaign with more discretion and energy than he showed yesterday in looking after every detail.

Capt. W. B. Shaw began to speak at 12 o'clock and spoke for over an hour. The people listened with the deepest interest throughout his whole address. No orator in the State can secure the attention of our people better than Capt. Shaw, and we believe that no man has done more effective work for the amendment than he has done here in our county. His earnest manner and convincing oratory carry conviction with them. His eloquent peroration, in which he depicted the terrible fate of the traitor to his country and to his people, the man who would sell his principles for gain, drove home his calm and dispassionate argument with stunning force. Altogether it was a great plea for Democracy and the cause of White Supremacy.

The dinner was sufficient for twice the crowd, even if a thousand people did get all they could eat. It was mostly barbecue, for that is the Democratic bill of fare par excellence, as the Pops and Reps never have a barbecue, for fear their allies, the negroes, might show their well-known affection for good eating to such an extent that there would be none left for their white leaders.

After dinner the county candidates announced themselves in short and appropriate speeches.

Hon. T. D. Warren, Democratic nominee for State senator, was also present and made an eloquent and effective plea for White Supremacy.

Flowers, from the ladies of Pink Hill, were presented to Capt. Shaw by Hon. T. D. Warren; and to Sheriff J. C. Wooten, from the ladies of Woodington, by Mr. E. B. Lewis.

Among those present from Kinston were Hon. J. W. Grainger, Henry Knott, G. L. Kilpatrick, W. L. Holderby, E. B. Wooten, L. P. Tapp, Ben May, W. L. Barber, W. F. Dibble, C. W. Forlaw, W. R. Bond, E. B. Lewis, John Braxton, Verner Hill, F. T. Harper, R. E. Cox, A. S. Copeland, Asa Waller, J. H. Temple and S. A. Bird.

Capt. Shaw spoke again at night in the court house to a crowd that filled every inch in the hall and made another splendid effort in the cause of good government. Many ladies were present. Many ladies were also at the day speaking.

The people of Trent recognize the great truth that the women of this country are the hope of the nation and see to it that their influence is on the side of law and order.

Larger Chapel Needed.

Communication.

To all lovers of religion and morals: We find our chapel is too small for the increase of children and youth as well as adults who come to us. We have 110 or 112 with eleven teachers. Our building is 20x40 with recess for library, which has 200 volumes. We have a new \$50 organ. The property is insured for \$400 three years, policy paid.

All we really need just now is the Spirit's presence and more room, which we must have to accommodate all who come to Sunday school. We are not often overcrowded at our 4 o'clock services, which is often conducted by the pastors of churches in the old town. Our Friday night prayer meetings, conducted by laymen, have often another feature in connection with our work—the temperance pledge, which is never to use alcohol in any form as a beverage or buy or sell it. We try to teach the ruinous consequence of visiting the bar-rooms, alias saloons, sample room, or the owl, for each is a barrier to religion, good morals, chastity and virtue. In fact as the Spirit of the Age, published several years since, said, it is the mouth of hell baited with honey. So we think and believe today; therefore we wish to save the youth of our land if possible. The old soakers are out of reach only as we can plead with the Father for them. His word says no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven.

Now we have this much to say, if any person or person who can and will do so, let us know. We promise to spend the money judiciously. We need some \$450. The land has been given large enough to put the addition on and we can secure more to give air.

We think God the Father has blessed you or some of you with wealth. Then give to His cause. He has promised to give in return good measure pressed down and shaken together.

Respectfully,

J. B. WARR,
Supt. Sunday School.

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STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

J. A. Drake, a motorman on the Asheville Street railway, was drowned Sunday morning while in bathing in the French Broad river.

The State Firemen's association at Wilmington Tuesday night elected J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president; W. C. Von Glahn, of Wilmington, secretary; T. A. Green, of Newbern, treasurer.

The Democratic convention of the 5th congressional district met at Durham Tuesday. Hon. W. W. Kitchin was unanimously renominated for congress and Maj. W. A. Guthrie received the nomination for elector by acclamation.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. John Elks, an old Confederate soldier, died at his home near Winterville about noon Thursday. He fought through the civil war and received a wound at the battle of Antietam from which he never entirely recovered.

Wilson News: Mr. Geo. W. Batts bought a box of eggs yesterday and put them in his store on Goldsboro street. Today in going over them he found a shell just being broken by a healthy young chick coming out. The extreme heat had proved equal to an incubator. Mr. Batts has taken the waif home and turned it over to a hen with a brood of her own. This is a true story, vouched for by the chicken editor.

Raleigh News and Observer: Rev. Marion R. Pernel, one of Franklin county's most highly respected citizens, dropped dead as he was hitching his horse to go out to one of his churches Saturday morning. Mr. Pernel had been in the ministry for thirty-five years. He was in his eightieth year and had probably established more Baptist churches than any Baptist minister in the State. He leaves a devoted wife and three sons.

Charlotte News: Wm. Stowe, a colored boy employed at W. H. Houser's brickyard, got his leg cut off about eight inches below the knee this morning at 9 o'clock, in the cutter at the brickyard. Stowe was employed to knock mud off the brick wires and replace the wires when they break. The boy went on the wrong side of the cutter and began tampering with it. His knee struck the trigger, throwing the cutter in motion. Stowe got his arms caught in the wires. In his efforts to release himself he threw his leg under the table where the thresh bar is. The leg was caught and cut off. Drs. Houser and Alston, colored, were summoned. They gave him all relief possible and then had him carried to the Good Samaritan hospital.

RULING IN REGISTRARS' CASE.

Refusal to Dismiss Warrant on Ground of No Federal Jurisdiction.

Winston, N. C., July 10.—The trial of Thomson and Wall, the two registrars for the August election, for alleged violation of a United States statute, was begun at 2:30 this afternoon before United States Commissioner Beckerdite.

The counsel for the defendants made a motion to dismiss the warrant for the want of jurisdiction to act under the warrant, this being a registration for a State election and no federal office being involved.

Able speeches were made by Judge Jas. E. Shepherd and Col. T. M. Argo, of Raleigh, in behalf of their motion. The prosecution, was represented by Judge John G. Bynum, of Greensboro, and Maj. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro, who spoke against the motion.

The commissioner overruled the motion for dismissal, and at 6 o'clock court adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow, when evidence will be submitted for the defendants and the prosecution.

The action of the court this afternoon in ruling the registrars to trial, was no surprise to the Democrats, as they had predicted before the motion was made that this would be Commissioner Beckerdite's decision.

What the Amendment Means.

Biblical Recorder.
We are going to have division and strife so long as the people refuse to think for themselves. Now as to the amendment—let the reader get it and read it before he advocates it or calls the man who favors it a tyrant or one who opposes it a scoundrel. Read it. Think about it. If you find yourself incapable of doing so, do not talk about it, and do not vote on it. We have examined it closely. We stake our reputation for understanding plain English on it, that the amendment is designed to disfranchise illiterate colored voters, and that it will not affect the suffrage of any white man. We do not see why there should be any great strife or division about this. All who favor disfranchising illiterate colored voters ought to be allowed to vote for it, and all in favor of retaining them in the body politic, ought to be allowed to vote against it. A clear understanding will make for peace.

White's Black Lintment—full size 25c bottle for 15c. It cures pain.
J. E. HOOD.