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SAFE ON AUGUST 2D

Another Message Direct From Conger. All Well, but Position Precarious. Provisions and Ammunition Short. Li Hung Chang's Dictum -- Allies Must Fight to Enter Pekin.

Washington, August 7.-Another telegram came to the state department late this afternoon from Minister Conger at Pekin, the second that has been 'received direct from him since June 12th. It is the first which has come direct from the the first which has come direct from the minister since the above date, the other having been received through the inter-mediary of the Chinese minister here, Mr. Wu. Today's telegram shows that the situation in the Chinese capital is still of a very serious character; that the minis-ters are still in danger from the troops and that their supplies of ammunition and provisions have been reduced to a merry considerable extent. So important very considerable extent. So important were the statements contained in the dispatch that a conference was held by wire between several of the officials here and the president at Canton, lasting for several hours. At its conclusion the cablegram from Mr. Conger was made public, as follows:

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"Tsin Nan, Yaeman, August ".
"Secretary of State, Washington.
"Still besieged. Situation more pre-carious. Chinese government insisting upon leaving Pekin, which would be cer-tain death. Rifle firing upon us daily by imperial troops. Have abundant cour-age, but little ammunition or provisions. Two progressive Yamen ministers be-headed. All connected with legation of the United States well at present moment.

"CONGER." "Conger." The cablegram came in the official ci-pher of the department. It is undated, like Mr. Conger's previous cablegrams, but from the internal evidence furnished by his reference to the beheading of two members of the Tsung Li Yamen and to the insistence of the Chinese government on the removal of the ministers from Pekin, state department officials say it may be assigned a date not earlier than July 30th, and perhaps not later than July 30th, and perhaps not later than August 2d. It is checked by the telegraph company as having been put on the wires at Tsin Nan,a large city about 80 miles southeast of Pekin. on August 7th The dispatch reached the depart-The dispatch re

Mr. Morgan's agent his declaration that the ministers had left Pekin, fixing the date of their departure as August 2. The sgent makes this comment: "The con-suls are without confirmation."

These messages have been sent to Lord Salisbury accompanied by a statement by Mr. Morgan, urging that the allies should take no step to endanger the lives of the ministers.

A message from the Belgian minister, dated Pekin, August 2, seems effectually to dispose of the rumors that the ministers have either left or are intending to leave Pekin. The Chinese minister in London says he has received a telegram Vor from China announcing that a long imperial edict was issued on August 2, au-thorizing the immediate and safe convey-ance of all Europeans in Pekin to Tien Tsin.

A Qualified Decision.

"In the early days of Count d'Alene," said an old miner, "I was working with my partners on a claim when we were suddenly startled by pistol shots and, looking up, discovered a man lying prostrate on an adjoining claim, while his assailant was trying to escape by legging it to the best of his ability. Without stopping to pick up the injured man we gave hot chase to the one trying to escape, whom we finally overhauled, captured and haled before a justice of the peace at Mission, Ida., the nearby town.

"There, as I remember it, it developed that it was an attempt at claim jumping and that the man who had done the shooting was the would be jumper. The evidence was all against him, and word came that the man who had been shot lay all but within the portals of death, the physician giving it as his opinion that he could last only a few hours longer, and thereupon the famed justice of the peace rendered his decision.

"I find you guilty of murder in the first degree,' said he severely as he turned toward the prisoner at the bar -'that is, provided the victim dies,' and so that decision stands to this day."

A Newspaper Wonder.

When you open up your newspaper, it may cause you to feel some wonder reason for this is that the paper is

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into

Brief Paragraphs.

Ex-Gov. W. J. Stone, of Missouri, is to have charge of the Democratic campaign in New York tor the national ticket. Lord Roberts cables that Harrismith has

surrendered. The Boers attacked and caused to retire the garrison at Elands

Vouchers to the amount of \$25,000 by ex-Director of Posts Rathbone have been disallowed. His trial will be held in September.

There is a Chinese report that a colli-sion has occurred between Russian and Japanese troops outside of Taku, but it is not believed.

There is a great deal of sickness among American troops in China. In the Ninth infantry, 257 are sick, 140 were lost in battle. Total; 400 unfit for duty.

Mrs. William Palmer, of Richmond, Va., was thrown from a carriage near Christiansburg, Va., Tuesday and so se-riously injured that no hopes are enter-tained for her recovery.

Advices from Washington say that the president and secretary of navy have de-cided to locate at the Pensacola yard the immense floating dock bought at Ha-vana from the Spanish government.

At Norfolk, Va., Tuesday, after suffer-ing intense agony for months from an incurable disease, crazed by which she twice attempted her own life, Miss Ed-monia Strange, of New York, suicided by taking a mixture of drugs.

Fifty cases of yellow fever are under treatment in Havana and the disease is on the increase in Pinar del Rio. These conditions are said to be largely due to the advent of non-immune Spanish im-migrants, now amounting to some twen-ty thousand.

A fearful lightning storm is reported from Westminster, S. C. Lightning struck the Baptist parsonage. Henry H. Simpson and T. H. Hall were killed. and Rev. H. A. Terrill probably fatally shock-ed. About the same time George Meach-am and Samuel White were killed while walking home from church near Rock Hill.

Bryan was given ovations all along the route on this way to Indianapolis where he and Stevenson were officially notified Wednesday of their nominations. Fifteen thousand visitors were at Military Park in Indianapolis Wednesday of the if you know that in all probability yours are the first hands that have ever touched its inside pages. The reason for this is that the paper is made from wood pulp. The woodman cuts down a spruce tree. It is hauled

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

Another Fine Game at "River Park." Score 4 to 0. Good Game Expected Today.

The second of the series of games be-tween Halifax and Kinston was played on the home grounds yesterday, and in the estimation of all who saw it, it was a better game than that of the day before. The errors were more evenly distrib-uted and the hits squared up even, while the "strike outs" stood as in the previous game

game. Neither one of Kinston's runs was earned, and, as one of the spectators re-marked, the game was won by good luck as well as good playing. Then, as a matter of course. Halifax lost by bad luck in failing to hit the ball safe when they had men on bases. In the fifth inning Fenner gave the first man up his base on balls. This was the only base he gave on balls in the game

only base he gave on balls in the game. The next man got first by being hit by a pitched ball. The third man got first base on an error of the third baseman. These three scored, one on a long fly to centre, one on a wild throw to third and

the other on a passed ball. Three double plays were made in the game: In the third Lewis caught out Q. regory on three strikes and threw out

F. Gregory to C. Oettinger at 2d. In the seventh Fenner threw out C. Oettinger to Hoffman at 2d, who threw out Sugg to Dunn at 1st. Then in the eighth Her-bert caught out Bagley on a hot liner and threw out Fitzhugh to Jones at 3d. Too much cannot be said in praise of the magnificent game nut un by both

the magnificent game put up by both clubs, and we venture to say that the State league has not given any finer exhibition of the game than we have kad in these two games.

In these two games. On all sides we hear warm words of commendation of the Halifax boys for the splendid ball they play and because they are such nice gentlemanly fellows. The girls are greatly interested and we are sure that many of them will be very impaction of the coming of next session impatient of the coming of next season to have them with us again.

to have them with us again. But in the meantime they are with us for one more game, that of today, and we hope for a very large attendance. The visitors should have a good send off, and, incidentally, the Kinston club needs your 25c to defray expenses. Clarence Oettinger left this morning for the north and his place will be filled by Wooten. It will be well filled too, have no fear of that.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Cleve Donaldson, a white boy of 17, is in jail at Charlotte on the charge of rob-bing the Catholic church there of a valu able communion cup.

Raleigh News-Observer, 8th: Senator Butler, accompanied by near half a dozen of his trusted lieutenants, left yesterday for his home in Sampson county.

It is stated that one of the strong Republican leaders of Union county had a negro physician to wait on his grown daughter, who was sick, taking the ne-gro in preference to a white physician.

The residence of Capt. W. H. Pleasants at Louisburg was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. The dwelling was fully insured. Much of the furniture was saved.

Mr. Geo. B. Hughes died at Chase City, Va., Tuesday evening. He was in the tobacco warehouse business with Mr. O. L. Joyner at Greenville two years ago and had many friends in that town and section.

Silas Seagraves, a white man, is in jail at Durham upon the charge of trying to poison his wife. According to the evi-dence he made three attemps to poison his wife. He was bound over to court

Democratic State Chairman Simmons says that Charles B. Aycock's campaign was "the most wonderful ever made in this State." He added: "There never was a campaign in which the press rendered such magnificent and efficient service."

Judge Purnell on Tuesday granted an order changing case of the Southern Railway from Durham superior court to federal court at Raleigh. The suit re-lated to condemning a right of way through. The grounds upon which the change was made are that the defend-ant cannot obtain justice in the court from which it was removed.

Wilson News: A report from Elm City tells of the robbery of a house this morning by two negroes, who managed to get to the depot as the early train pulled out, one of them escaping by keeping off the crowd with a gun and the other be-

ment at 4:20 o'clock p. m., but was not made public until late in the evening.

TO PRESS ON TO PEKIN.

What the result of the conference was the officials declined to say. That it will stimulate the energies of the government to its utmost endeavor to press forward the advance movement towards Pekin is certain, for Mr. Conger's message makes it clear that for the ministers to leave Pekin would result in their death.

Secretary Root did not care to make any statement when asked about the sit uation tonight. The officials had been led to believe from the more recent dispatches which had purported to emanate from Chinese sources as well as from imperial edicts that the condition of the legations was much improved, but today's advices show a very different aspect of affairs.

British Report of the Battle.

London, August 7.—A special dispatch frem Shanghai today says: "It is reported that heavy fighting took place last Sunday sast of Peit Sang, the allies losing 400, of whom 65 were Britames tosing 400, of whom 65 were Brit-ish. The Japanese artillery did splendid service in the face of a galling Chinese cross fire, under which they lost heavily. The Chinese force saved their guns. Their rear guard was attacked and severe pun-there influence of " ishment inflicted."

Chinese to be Held as Hostages.

London, August 7.-The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Brod-rick, in the house of commons today, answering a question, said her majesty's government had informed the Chinese government that its members will be held personally responsible if the mem-bers of the foreign legations or other for-eigners at Pekin suffer injury.

LI HUNG CHANG'S DIOTUM.

Allies Must Fight to Enter Pekin. Mr. Morgan Makes a Proposition To Earl Li Which Is Promptly Turned Down.

Turned Down. London, Aug. 8, 3:45 a. m.—"In case the troops advance the Chinese must fight. The suggestion that the allies abould be allowed to enter Pekin in order absolutely impossible." This is the dictum of Li Hung Chang, It was transmitted last evening to Mr. William Pritchard Morgan, member of parliament for Merthyr Tyrdvil, by bis agent at Shangbai. The agent had troops should be allowed to enter the allies troops should be allowed to enter the saying that a message from Mr. Morgan, urging that the allies troops should be allowed to enter the could be mude at Tien Twin, whereby a war of the world against Chine would be averted, but even the optimistic Li falled to hold out the elightest hope of in femilifity, although in miterneed to brug Co.

cuts down a spruce tree. It is hauled monies attending the nomination of Bryto the mill. There machinery strips off the bark, reduces the wood to pulp and makes it into paper.

At every turn cranes, derricks, loaded into car and wagon by machinery, put into pressroom and on presses by other machinery and finally printed and folded without having been directly touched by any human hand.

day which is no doubt duplicated in other branches of industry. It is very striking in the newspaper industry. which stands in the very front rank of mechanical perfection .- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Nature of Ether.

If any reader is disposed to object to the assumption of a medium behaving in such very different ways with regard to motions of different speeds, it may assist in convincing him that the objection is not a valid one to direct his attention to the similar behavior of such a familiar substance as pitch. In moderately cold weather this material has all the appearance of a solid and will resist a blow or momentary heavy pressure. If, however, a denser body than the pitch, such as a bullet. for example, be laid upon its surface, it will gradually sink until it rests upon whatever is supporting the pitch. If, on the other hand, the pitch is plac-ed upon a less dense body, such as cork, the latter will float up through it in the course of time. The pitch, there In the course of time. The pitch, therefore, exposes great resistance to rapid motion, but the smallest pressure causes it to give way if sufficient time is allowed.—Knowledge.

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 ostry remedy that en introduced in all civilized with success in every thro Marrie For sale by the Tem

an and Stevenson.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway reports that the Methodist churches in the south have raised nearly \$1,000.000 of the At every turn cranes, derricks, have raised hearly \$1,000,000 of the chains, cogs, rollers, steel teeth and other mechanical contrivances keep the material out of human hands. The immense rolls are wound by machines, lorded into car and waron by ma-BHF of the new century.

Johnny Dew, aeronaut, of Grand Rapids, made a balloon ascension at Ottawa Beach, Mich., Tuesday. Nearly half a This is a mechanical marvel of to-ay which is no doubt duplicated in and he was dashed to death in the lake below. There was but one foot of water where Dew lauded, and every bone in his body was broken by the fall.

> The Saco cotton mills at Biddeford Me., are ordered to close August 18th until Sept. 4. The mills employ nearly 2,000 hands. A dispatch says the store houses are full of goods and the shutdown is attributed to under consumption. The Pepperel and Laconia cotton mills which employ about 8,000 hands, will close for two weeks at the time, owing to the trouble in China.

A Good Point.

Charlotte Observer

In a private letter received last night the point was made that it is not the ne the point was made that it is not the he-groes, who have voted with automatic exactness for the Republican party all these years, who will be sufferers from the adoption of the constitutional amendment, but the whitemen who have voted with automatic exactness with th the negroes.

Aycock Too Busy in North Caro-

Bichmond, Va., Aug. 7.-Governor-elect Charles B. Aycock, of North Caro-lina, has written a friend here that he is afraid he will be unable to make any speeches in Virginia this fall. He has spent several months in his own canvass, and will also have to go on the stump in North Carolina this fall. The Democrat-ic managem will here are being to managers will, however, urge him to

The government crop and weather ullstin for this State for the week end-ng last night, was issued Tuesday and ays the reports of correspondents inthe reports of cor-te that favorable of and that crops m s since the rains of of the

such a fine team, but yet we may do it,quien sabe?

The full summary follows: HALIFAX.

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Score by inning Halifax01003000 x-4 Kinston,. Bases stolen: Fitzhugh (2), Dunn (3), Herbert, Stevenson. Double plays: J. Fenner to Hoffman and to Dunn; Lewis to C. Oettinger; Herbert fact.

to Jones. Bases on balls: Off Fenner 1; off Sugg

Hit by pitched balls: E. Fenner.

Lowis. Struck out, by Fenner 3; by Sugg 12. Passed balls: Fitzhugh 5; Lewis 1. Umpire, W. S. Herbert, Scorer, Dr. T. H. Faulkner. Attendance 200.

The Polite Professor.

palm for absentmindedness The

yours comes around, and I will return your attention in kind."-Collier's Weekly.

Opsetting Arithmetical, Tradition. Jack-How did you come out on that bulldog pup you bought? Dick-Lost over 100 per cent on the

Jack-Oh, I guess not! A hundred per cent is all you can possibly lose. Dick-Think so, do you? Well, I paid \$10 for the pup, and then I had to give a boy \$1 to take him out and frown him. If that isn't 110 per cent m, I'd like to know what you call it. New York Sun.

22nd is made by the railways, and a rate of one cent per mile for organizations in uniform. The committees are hard at work. A great deal is to be done. The statue was photographed last week and the photographe will be sold for the benefit of the Vance monument association.

Greensboro Record: A colored man named Jud Grant, living near Brown Summit, has solved the race problem so far as he is concerned. He is a farmer. and in addition to raising his supply of meat and bread, he sold his last year's crop of tobacco in this city a few days ago for the neat sum of \$500 in round numbers. The constitutional amend-ment need have no particular fears in it for a negro like that.

Wilmington Dispatch: The mullet sea-son will open in Wilmington next week. The business will reach a larger volume this year than heretofore, so a responsible dealer told a reporter today. Fales & Nixon and Brooks & Taylor have or-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 dered a quantity of new nets and several new sharples for a new fishery to be opened at the Rocks. The fish business is growing every year in Wilmington and there is room for rejoicing over the

> Fayetteville Observer: Mr. Evander Koonce deserves special mention as one of the very best Democrate in the State He is a resident of Flea Hill, with his veting place at Lock's Creek Academy, and since he registered, has been working: thirty miles away in Robeson county. Being a man of a large family, and too poor to afford to hire a vehicle, he walked the entire distance to record his vote, and immediately began the long journey back on foot.

The paim for absentmindedness should be accorded to a learned Ger-man professor. One day he noticed his wife placing a bunch of flowers on his desk. "What do they mean?" he asked. "Why," she exclaimed, "don't you know that this is the anniversary of your marriage?" "Ah, indeed, is it?" said the professor politely. "Kindly let me know when ed by the custard.

ed by the custard. Charlotte Observer: We copy today with great pleasure, from The Pro-gressive Farmer, an editorial on the re-sult of last week's election. It declares that the constitutional amendment was honestly adopted and pays a high tribute to the personnel of the State ticket elect-ed. A few years ago The Progressive Farmer was the narrowest and most vicious paper in the State; now it is one of the broadest and most conservative. It is at last a farmer's instead of a vie-leutly partisan paper, and we should be glad to see the Farmer' Alliance re-habilitated in North Carolina if it were dominated by the liberal influences which sted by the liberal influence trol its org