

ANOTHER CONGER NOTE

Consul at Canton Receives a Message from Pekin

SIERGE STILL CONTINUES

Imperial Troops the Aggressors—General Chaffee Reports Sixty Casualties in His Command in the Engagement at Yang Tsun—China Protests Against the Landing of British Troops at Shanghai

Washington, Aug. 11.—The State Department this morning issued a bulletin containing a dispatch from Consul McWade at Canton, which in turn referred to a message which he had received to the effect that he had sent to Minister Li Hung Chang the following dispatch from Consul McWade at Canton, communicating an address of a message from Mr. Conger, is published this morning by the Department of State:

Canton, Aug. 11, 1900. Secretary of State, Washington. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your message of the 10th inst., and in reply to inform you that the legation at Canton is deeply grieved by the loss of the lives of 60 killed and about 100 wounded. There is some sickness among the general health of the troops. I conclude: "Whatever the outcome we will hold on in."

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DEEP AND CRUEL PLOT DOES BUTLER SULK?

Dark and Sinister Motives Said to Have Grown Cold Towards Mr. Bryan.

A COLD BLOODED SCHEME FRIENDS MAKE DENIAL

They Say the Report that the Senator Will Support McKinley in a Campaign Lie—The Washington Times Thinks the Senator is Sinking—The Telegraphic Wires Kept Hot Between Chicago and North Carolina.

Senator Butler, the chairman of the Populist National Executive committee did not attend the meeting of the committee in Chicago Saturday. Though it was announced that he would be present and was expected, he failed to turn up.

While the committee did not act in the matter of selecting a vice-presidential candidate, it is stated that the majority of the committee is favorable to Stevenson. Butler's associates here declare that the Senator will never agree to the acceptance of Stevenson as the Populist nominee. Populists here are open in their declaration that they will not vote for the Democratic presidential nominees.

It has been strongly intimated in some papers that Senator Butler would support McKinley. The Washington, D. C. Times is among the papers that accuses Mr. De Giers of a secret understanding with Mr. Butler to support McKinley. The Senator treated the query with silent contempt. Butler's political friends declare that these reports are circulated by enemies of Mr. Bryan.

The Washington, D. C. Times last Friday contained the following interesting story relative to the Senator: "There have been many anxious enquiries at Chicago during the past two days concerning the whereabouts of the Hon. Marion Butler, chairman of the Populist National Executive committee, who is reported to have ordered M. De Giers to accept the Emperor's guarantee of safe conduct."

There are those who believe that the move indicates a deep and intensely cruel scheme on the part of Russia. As the situation is now, Germany has the strongest claim of all the powers against China for indemnity, because of the assassination of Baron von Ketteler. The claim, however, may be offset by the contention of the Chinese government that the German minister was murdered by a mob, not by imperial soldiers. On the other hand, if M. De Giers should state for Great Britain her promise to accept the Emperor's guarantee of safe conduct, it would be a most serious grievance. The inference, naturally, is that the Russian government is willing to sacrifice its Pekin minister, with possibly all the members of its legation, for the sake of the diplomatic advantage that would thus accrue.

While this is the extreme view, it has been widely adopted, because it seems to embody the most reasonable explanation why Russia of all the powers should be the only one willing to accept a Chinese guarantee against the advice of all the diplomats in Pekin. It is a few who believe that Russia's secret understanding with China may relate solely to the safety of her own legation in other words, that Great Britain is to be protected, regardless of what may happen to the other foreigners.

Altogether, Russia's course has created a most painful impression and has given rise to no end of unpleasant surmises. A dispatch from Berlin says the German foreign office has received a favorable reply from Great Britain, Russia, Austria and Italy in regard to the Emperor's proposal that Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee should be commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China. The British reply was most friendly, but it was a string clause that the assent of Great Britain was subject to certain conditions, the chief one of which was that all the other powers should consent to the proposal. No reply has been received from France as yet, but the French republic will be in the affirmative. Neither Japan nor the United States has yet replied to the proposal.

KILLED IN HIS CAR. Express Messenger Murdered and Money Stolen from the Safe. Columbus, O., Aug. 11.—The passenger train on the Pennsylvania line due to arrive from the west at midnight, was robbed at some point between here and Cincinnati. Messenger Charles Lane of this city was instantly killed.

The robbery was not discovered until the train pulled into the station here and the messenger was found dead with his revolver, several chambers of which had been emptied, lying by his side. The contents of the safe had been stolen and the door had been blown open.

The train that was robbed is known as Pan Handle No. 8. Its terminal station here is the union depot. The messenger was alone. No one heard the shots. It was supposed that the robbers jumped off the train as it slowed up, coming into the union depot. The utmost mystery veils the affair.

Officials of the Adams Express Company could give no statement as to the probable amount of money secured by the robbers, but it was reported to be a considerable sum. The coroner's post-mortem examination developed that Lane had been shot repeatedly. Columbus detectives and others are working on the case. The loss to the express company is not officially stated, but it is not less than \$2,000. Two suspects are under arrest at Play City.

FORCES JOIN BATTLE

War Is on Between Mill Owners and Workmen

LABOR CRISIS IN DURHAM

All Operatives Who Belong to the Union Have Been Notified to Quit—West Durham Mills Expected to Shut Down Until the Trouble is Adjusted. Two Citizens of Durham County Dead from Paralysis

Durham, N. C., Aug. 11.—Special.—The cotton mill labor organization matter has reached a critical stage and there is no telling what will be the outcome in the next few days. The mill people have notified about fifteen that their services will not be needed any longer than the two weeks notice that the mill and hands both agreed to give. It is said that the mill has two men on the road who are getting new hands wherever they can to take the place of those who have joined the union. A few of these men have arrived here and in nearly every instance they have joined the union before going to work in the West Durham mill. There are over two hundred members of the union and in East Durham about forty or fifty. These men say it is a fight to the finish and that the members will never surrender. Those who have been discharged will go to work elsewhere, and if they can find no work to do then those who remain will support them and their families. There is some talk that a portion of the mill will close down and that all the union men will be given their walking papers and those who are not members of the organization will be given work. These tactics, it is said, will be kept up until new men can be secured to take the places of those who will go out on account of the union. One of the men who were told to quit do not want to strike and will not have one unless it is forced upon them. This same man told me that a strike was what the mill wanted so as to get public sympathy against the men. Everything in West Durham is at a nervous tension just now and there is no telling what will be the outcome of the next few days.

Later information is to the effect that the mill people have put all the union men to work out their notice and quit. This means that the mill will have to close down. There were about two hundred and sixty members up to this afternoon, and about forty new members were taken in tonight notwithstanding the notice published by the mill this afternoon that all members of the organization must quit work. Everything is quiet. Some of the employees quit at once and refused to work out the money due to them, but most will work out the two weeks and then look for work elsewhere. It is certain that at least one-half of the mill will have to close when these men quit, and it may result in a complete shut-down of the mammoth plant.

Mr. Wesley Shepherd, about 60 years of age, who lived near Durham, and Mr. William Dezer, more than 80 years old, who reside some five or six miles from the city, have both died of paralysis inside the last two days. The men do not live but a very short while, probably a day, after he was stricken, and Mr. Dezer lived about a week. Both of these men leave large families and were well known throughout the county.

Miss Iva Eatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eatman, who moved here from Raleigh about three or four months ago, died at her home in North Durham yesterday. She was about 19 years of age. Typhoid fever was the cause of her death.

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching wedding of Miss Clyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mason, of Chapel Hill, and Mr. Charles L. Duncan, of Beaufort. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents September 4th.

Two excursions will run from here to Richmond this month and it is expected that large crowds will go.

BRYAN'S PLANS. He Will Remain in Chicago Until Next Wednesday. Chicago, Aug. 11.—Mr. Bryan said today that he had definitely decided to attend the United Irish Society's celebration to be held in Chicago August 15. He will probably remain in Chicago until that day, when he will return to Lincoln. His only other speech before the actual campaigning begins in September will be at the notification of his nomination by the Populists, which is to be held in Topeka August 23, and his address at the G. A. R. reunion in this city August 30.

After two days of constant conference between the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans composing the tripartite national advisory committee, it has at last been practically decided that it will not be wise to interfere in the Idaho imbroglio. The plan now adopted is to leave the settlement of the fight between the fusionists and the non-fusionists to the Idaho politicians themselves.

Though the feeling that has grown out of the labor troubles under the administration of Governor Steunenberg has become bitter in Idaho, yet it is said that there will ultimately be complete fusion between the three parties that are opposing the Republicans in that State. No opposition has developed to the return of ex-Senator Fred Briggs to the United States Senate in case the legislature goes for the fusion ticket, but all the places on the State ticket, including the nomination for Congressman, are eagerly fought for.

Cool Weather in England. London, Aug. 11.—While people in the United States are enduring severe heat waves, the weather in this country has been extraordinarily cold, the thermometer registering 60 degrees and lower. The cold, protracted rains and gales have nearly spoiled country life and most

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati, Aug. 11.—The Cincinnati continued their light hitting today, and were shut out in easy style by Hawley. Three hits scattered in the second, fifth and eighth innings was the best the Reds could do. Hahn also pitched a good game and was very effective after the first two innings.

The score: R. H. E. Cincinnati . . . 00000000—0 3 1 New York . . . 01000000—1 9 0 Batteries: Hahn and Kahoe; Hawley and Greely. Umpire Swartwood.

St. Louis 8, Brooklyn 1. St. Louis, Aug. 11.—Brooklyn was never hit today, being completely outclassed by St. Louis. Kennedy was easy to hit, while Hughey was an enigma throughout. But for Burke allowing Jennings' fast rap to get by him in the eighth inning, the Superbas would have been completely shut out.

The score: R. H. E. St. Louis . . . 111110300—8 14 1 Brooklyn . . . 00000000—1 8 4 Batteries: Hughey and Robinson; Kennedy and McGuire. Umpire Emslie.

Pittsburg 5, Boston 1. Pittsburg, Aug. 11.—Pittsburg's circus plays defeated Boston today. Ritchey made a double play without assistance, and Beaumont was carried off his feet while making a running catch of Hamilton's bid for a home run, and actually stood on his head.

The score: R. H. E. Pittsburg . . . 10000112x—5 9 2 Boston . . . 01000000—1 5 3 Batteries: Chesbro and O'Connor; Lewis and Clarke. Umpire O'Day.

Chicago 0, Philadelphia 2. Chicago, Aug. 11.—Philadelphia won from Chicago, 2 to 0, today, after a beautiful pitchers' duel. Taylor was as good as Donahue, and both were in good form. An accident gave Philadelphia one run, a line drive from DeLahanty's bat leaping over Green's head by an eccentric bounce, and a three-base throw by Brady gave the Quakers their other run.

The score: R. H. E. Chicago . . . 00000000—0 5 1 Philadelphia . . . 10001000—2 7 1 Batteries: Taylor and Donahue; Donahue and Murphy. Umpire Terry.

Standing of the Clubs. Won. Lost. Per. Brooklyn . . . 54 32 .628 Philadelphia . . . 49 34 .590 Pittsburg . . . 48 41 .539 Chicago . . . 44 44 .500 Boston . . . 42 46 .483 Cincinnati . . . 39 49 .448 St. Louis . . . 38 46 .452 New York . . . 34 49 .409

Homicide in Vance County. Henderson, N. C., Aug. 11.—Special.—On his way home yesterday to Townsville accompanied by several neighbors, Peter Harris, formerly of Littleton, was stabbed and instantly killed by William Reese. It appears that ill feelings had for some time existed between the parties, owing to the marriage of Harris to the step daughter of Reese against the wishes of her parents. Coroner Deans was notified last night about 8 o'clock, and started immediately to Flat Creek, the place of the tragedy, five miles distant from Henderson.

A Stir in Havana in Regard to Taxes. Havana, Aug. 11.—The decree issued yesterday in regard to the taxes to be paid by banks and corporations has caused considerable objection, principally on account of the supposed advantage to private enterprises as against corporations. Many of the protests are due to the bad English translation of the decree, which really affords no advantage to private concerns.

Fusion Expected in Idaho. Chicago, Aug. 11.—Senator Heitford, of Idaho, arrived here today, and after a consultation with the members of the Democratic advisory committee, announced that he will return home immediately and use his best efforts to secure adoption of the recommendations of the committee looking to the promotion of harmony among the anti-administration forces in that State. He expressed the opinion that there will be no difficulty in prevailing on the Populists to withdraw their electoral ticket.

A Counterfeiter Commits Suicide. Washington, Aug. 11.—Chief Wilde, of the secret service bureau of the Treasury Department, received a dispatch this afternoon stating that Paul Jansen, arrested with a cohort Ganzer at Ruthford, N. J., on the 20th of July, and in whose possession was over \$7,000 in counterfeit money, committed suicide in the Hudson county (N. J.) jail yesterday. Jansen was held in default of \$15,000 bond to appear before the next grand jury at Trenton.

A BRILLIANT EXPLOIT

Captain J. B. Batchelor Shows Good Generalship in the Philippines

A letter recently received by Dr. J. M. Ward of Warren, from his son now serving with the army in the Philippines, gives quite an adventure that befell Captain J. B. Batchelor, and which, as his hosts of friends in this city and State will be glad to notice, is very creditable to him.

While out in the mountains with 50 men looking for a band of Tagalogs, he found them, very suddenly one morning entrenched behind the Rio Grande. They were 180 strong and their trenches commanded the only fords in the vicinity. Captain Batchelor put his men behind a hill and, by rapid volleying, soon forced the enemy to lie down behind their breastworks. Then while 40 men kept up such a fire that no Tagala dared show his head, the remaining ten stripped and crossed the river, having on their cartridge belts. They walked right into the trenches, while their comrades kept the enemy from firing a single shot, and captured 80 men. The other Tagalogs broke and ran. The American loss was one man drowned.

Fatal Accident to a Lady. Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 11.—Special.—Mr. John A. Kendall and mother while driving yesterday were thrown from a buggy and the latter fatally injured. Mrs. Kendall resided in Georgia, and was visiting relatives at the time of the accident. She died in about one hour after receiving injuries. Mr. Kendall will recover.

Our Four Principal Exports. Washington, Aug. 11.—The value of the four principal articles of domestic exports—breadstuffs, provisions, cotton and mineral oil—during July, the first month of the new fiscal year, was \$50,255,257, an increase of \$275,500, from

Paris, August 11.—The hotel De la Terrasse Joffroy, 10 Boulevard Montmartre, was burned yesterday. Many American and English tourists who were stopping at the hotel lost their effects.

Prospective Lord Chief Justice. London, Aug. 11.—It is said that the position of Lord Chief Justice of England, in succession to Baron Russell of Killowry, has been offered to Sir Robert Bannatyne Finley, the Liberal Unionist member of Parliament for Inverness borough.

Sir Robert will doubtless accept. He was solicitor general in 1895 when he was knighted. He graduated as a doctor of medicine from Edinburgh Academy in 1863, but abandoned that profession for the law four years later.

Chicago Will Support Bryan. Chicago, Aug. 11.—John F. Finerty, ex-congressman and leader of the Chicago Irish-Americans, has announced his intention to support Bryan on the anti-imperialistic issue. Finerty has been prominent in the pro-Boer agitation and is President of the United Irish societies of the city and editor of the Chicago Irish-American. He has been identified with the Republican party since the Blaine campaign.

Prof. Chas. S. Venable Dying. Richmond, Va., Aug. 11.—Chas. S. Venable, professor emeritus of mathematics at the University of Virginia, is in a dying condition at his home here. He was a member of General R. E. Lee's staff and the author of many widely used mathematical text books.