

OUTBREAK AT AMOY

Trouble Occurs in an Unexpected Quarter.

MOB DESTROYS PROPERTY

General Johnson Reports a Serious Situation in Southern China and Calls for a War Vessel—Surprising Attitude of the Russian Government at Peking—Instructions Cabled to Rockhill, the President's Commissioner.

Washington, Aug. 24.—A cablegram received at the State Department from General Johnson at Amoy, this morning, says that disturbances are beginning to crop up in southern China, and reports a serious state of affairs. The message follows:

Amoy, Aug. 23. The State Department, Washington: Serious outbreaks here. Many buildings burnt and destroyed by armed mob. Japanese in great danger and American property looted. Japanese war vessels have landed marines to protect foreigners. American naval vessels should be sent at once. JOHNSON.

Amoy is the one really American city in China, and the United States has a great interest in the situation there. The news comes as a surprise to government officials, as it was the last place where trouble was expected. Immediate action will be taken by the authorities to quell the disturbances and to protect American interests there. Several gunboats will be sent to Amoy at once.

The disturbances in the southern portion of the empire, coming immediately upon the heels of the Russian revolution, have not added to any extent in the maintenance of a movement for suspension of hostilities against China. It is not doubted that the situation at Amoy is a very serious one, and Admiral Remy will be cabled to forward vessels and marines to relieve General Johnson.

Sergeon General Sternberg today received the following dispatch from Taku, China, which the wounded are doing well and are being well cared for:

Taku, Aug. 23. Surgeon General, Washington: Have fifty wounded on the Relief. Hospital accommodations are excellent at Tien Tsin. Launches and boats from Relief bringing wounded soldiers to Tien Tsin. Accidentally drowned Tongku night 31st. REMEY.

Heroic Little Band Rescued

London, Aug. 24.—A news agency dispatch from Peking, of date August 16 says the Peit Sang Cathedral, which was garrisoned by thirty French and ten Italian blue jackets, has been relieved after an heroic defense of two months. The garrison at the Cathedral were isolated from the other foreigners.

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BELLAMY IN FENDER

A Large Ratification Meeting Hears a Good Democratic Speech

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 24.—Special—Between 1,500 and 2,000 people attended a big Democratic ratification meeting at Willard today. R. G. Grady of Burgess, secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of Fender county, called the assemblage to order and introduced Congressman John W. Bellamy, who spoke one hour, showing what passage of amendment meant for North Carolina, how the State would advance along educational lines, investments in the State, enterprises be more profitable and outside capital come in larger quantities than ever before. Upon the close of Mr. Bellamy's speech the crowd was invited to partake of dinner, of which there was enough for three times the crowd. Mr. Aycock did not speak. The announcement that he would was made through error.

Thomas F. Gillman, one of the best known and most influential Democrats of Onslow county, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Jacksonville, of blood poisoning. He had represented his county in the Legislature and was postmaster at Jacksonville under the last Democratic administration. He was about 40 years old.

Fitz Defeats Sharkey

Coney Island, Aug. 24.—Fitzsimmons defeated Sharkey in the second round.

however, that the viceroys of the southern provinces are making an earnest effort to maintain order, and that rigid measures on their part will be effective to that end.

Prospect of More Trouble

London, Aug. 24.—Chinese outrages continue and there is a prospect of most serious trouble. The deprivations of the Boers have broken out afresh and it is probable that additional foreign troops will be necessary to put a stop to the anarchy and incendiarism which have been witnessed in certain provinces.

A dispatch to the Central News from Hong Kong says that Chinese mobs are wrecking the missions in Pu-Kien and Kiang-Si provinces.

The French mission at Wwang-Tung was attacked by a mob, but the attack was repulsed by marines from the French gunboat Comete.

Warfare has again broken out in the vicinity of Tien Tsin and the international forces stationed there have had another engagement with the Chinese fanatics.

The French mission at Wang-Tung to cut the allies' communication. A battle followed in which the Boxers and their adherents were repulsed with very heavy losses. The casualties of the allies according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin, were as follows:

The principal news from Peking comes in the form of a dispatch from Tokio. It says that a telegram from Peking, received from official sources, says that the international troops have burned the residence of the German minister, the Russian minister, and the head of the government against the foreigners.

A dispatch from Berlin says that a Peking dispatch to the Lokai Aniger states that the body of Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister, who was killed by the Chinese, has been found in a Chinese cemetery near the place where he was assassinated. It was found on examination that his death was caused by a bullet in the head. The body will be reinterred in a Christian cemetery.

Additional Peking news contained in a dispatch has been received in St. Petersburg from M. Pokotiloff, manager of the Russo-Chinese bank. The message is dated at the Chinese capital, August 14, and says:

"The casualties during the siege were 75 killed and 120 wounded. The Russians had seven killed and 15 wounded. The Russo-Chinese bank was destroyed by the Boxers July 28. The Russian minister's son was wounded during the relief of Peking."

Cable Open to Taku

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Navy Department today received a cablegram from Admiral Remy announcing that the cable between Taku and Chefoo has been opened. The message follows:

Taku, Aug. 22. Bureau of Navigation, Washington: Cable now open to Taku. All troops from Hancock landed. Marines gone to Tien Tsin. Private Arthur A. Woods, killed by accident, accidentally drowned Tongku night 31st.

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Dun's Review

New York, Aug. 24.—Dun's tomorrow will say:

"The sky is not cloudless, but there has been no backward movement of business this week.

More good news comes from the iron centers where bridge and boat builders and makers of agricultural implements, stoves and cast iron pipe are all eager to secure raw or partially finished material. Prices are sustained and in a few cases move upward. Iron generally is a more solid and better balanced market than for two months past. Failures for the week were 171 in the United States against 163 last year.

Dowager Empress of Germany III

London, Aug. 24.—Despite the official denials, there is reason to believe that the illness of the Empress Frederick of Germany, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, is serious.

ELECTION BOARD HERE NOT BADLY WHIPPED

Prescribes Tickets for National Election.

TO PROTEST ELECTION

Mr. Freeman, the Republican Member, Had Asked for a Meeting Thursday and Intended to Offer Resolutions Protesting Against the Conduct of the Election—The Canvass of the Vote Interfered with His Plans.

The State Board of Elections met here yesterday afternoon and prescribed the kind and quality of tickets that shall be voted for congressmen and presidential electors in the coming national election.

Though the meeting was called at this time at the instance of Mr. A. B. Freeman, the Republican member of the board, it was decided to arrange for the tickets so as to prevent the necessity of holding another meeting.

Mr. Freeman stated that he had requested a meeting of the Board of Elections Thursday with the object of introducing certain resolutions which he intended to follow up with motions. He stated, however, in view of the fact that the vote had been canvassed, he would not present the resolutions or make the motions. He attributed no blame to Chairman Neal for not calling the meeting on Thursday, as he said no member of the board knew for what purpose he desired the meeting. It is understood that Mr. Freeman desired to offer resolutions before the vote was canvassed, protesting against the result, alleging fraud and intimidation by pollholders and registrars.

The following resolution, providing for the quality of tickets to be voted in the national election, was introduced by Mr. Walter H. Neal and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the ballots for congressmen for the several districts shall be printed on white paper, samples of which will be filed with the Secretary of State on or before October 1, 1900. Said ballot shall be three inches wide and one and one-half inches deep; and, as to size of type and other particulars, shall conform to the general election law and be printed in black ink."

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The chairman asked Mr. C. H. Johnston, the Populist member of the board, if he had anything to present.

"I am not registered," was Mr. Johnston's response.

"Did you try to register?"

"I did."

The Simpson Populist leader wanted to know when an opportunity would be given him to register. He wished to vote in November. He was informed that the election law made provision for this.

Mr. Johnston stated that he failed to register because there was no registrar in his township the latter part of the campaign.

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HUNTINGTON'S MILLIONS

The Millionaire's Relatives Reminded in a Very Substantial Way.

New York, Aug. 24.—In his will, which was filed today Collis P. Huntington left \$100,000 to the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va. Mrs. Huntington receives, after bequests are paid, one-half of the estate. Among other items are:

Harriet S. Huntington, sister-in-law; Elizabeth Purdy, sister; Susan Porter, sister; Ellen Gates, sister, \$50,000 each; Collis H. Sammis, \$30,000; Lenora Loveland, niece, \$20,000; Frank Pardee, nephew, \$20,000; to his sister, Susan Porter, \$20,000; to his nephew, Willard V. Huntington, \$50,000; to his nephews, Edward H. Dunbar and George S. Dunbar, \$20,000 each; to his nephew, Edward H. Pardee, \$10,000; to his niece, Mary Pardee, \$20,000; to his niece, Caroline D. Holladay, \$20,000; to his niece, Lenora Foster, \$20,000; to his niece, Adeline Dunbar, \$20,000; to his niece, Helen M. Huntington, \$20,000; to Isaac E. Gates, \$100,000; to the widow of his deceased nephew, Charles H. Tweed, \$50,000.

NOT BADLY WHIPPED

The Boers Still Able to Make Trouble for British.

DEWET IS VERY ACTIVE

In Recent Engagements He Has Given Lord Roberts Occasion to Report Lists of Casualties—Expected Decisive Battle Has Not Yet Been Fought—Lieutenant Cordua Condemned to Death and Shot.

London, Aug. 24.—While the British forces, under General Roberts continue to drive the Boers from pillar to post, the burghers are inflicting rather serious losses upon the armies of the queen, and the decisive battle has not yet been fought in South Africa.

It has been expected for some time in London that Roberts would trap the main army of the federalists and bring the war to an end, but the elusiveness of DeWet and the other burgher generals, whose familiarity with the country enables them to escape with surprising regularity, has thus far prevented the action which it was hoped would end the sultry hostilities.

Baden-Powell has had another clash with the Boer forces at Warmbath and inflicted losses upon his opponents. He released 100 prisoners from the Boer camp and captured 25 burghers, including two of their foreign officers, during the fight. This was not accomplished without British losses, however, although the casualties have not yet been reported.

Buller has also had an engagement with a detachment of DeWet's army, and he reports that August 23 he had seven men killed, two officers and twenty men wounded, and five are missing. The latter were probably made prisoners by the Boers.

Kitchener has been in contact with the burghers in the Komati valley and during the fight the British had eight casualties.

Runde at Brandwater has discovered a quantity of ammunition, which had been buried by the Boers.

General Roberts' latest dispatch to the War Office follows:

"Pretoria, Aug. 21.—Baden-Powell has had an engagement at Warmbath (Warmbath, north of the Piennar river) during which he rescued 100 prisoners and captured 25 Boers, including two foreign officers.

"Buller's casualties August 23, were seven killed and two officers and twenty men wounded and five missing.

"Buller reported that Kitchener has reported a considerable force of Boers who held a position in the Komati valley. The British had eight casualties.

Runde reports that patrols of Yeomanry at Brandwater basin found 400,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 pounds of dynamite buried. Several Boers, who were in hiding were arrested."

Cordua Condemned to Death

Pretoria, Aug. 24.—Lieutenant Cordua, who was found guilty of complicity in the plot to murder British officers and abduct Lord Roberts, has been sentenced to death.

London, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Central News from Pretoria says that Lieutenant Cordua was shot this morning.

SUDDENLY SUMMONED

Police Officer Dies in the Discharge of His Duty.

North Wilkesboro, N. C., Aug. 24.—Special.—While arresting a man this afternoon Chief of Police W. M. Bright was stricken with heart failure and expired in a few moments. He was a most efficient officer.

There is no clue yet as to who robbed the postoffice at this place and Wilkesboro Wednesday night. Postmaster Barkley says that this office lost over \$350.

Jim Lewis, who killed Jim Marlow yesterday at Andrews' distillery in Lovelace township, was jailed this afternoon. It seems to have been a case of excusable homicide.

MASON SHELVED

Republican Spellbinders Must Go the Whole Hog or Nothing

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Senator Mason will not be a platform orator in the present campaign. He has been put on the campaign blacklist by the National Republican Committee because he has opposed the policy of imperialism. He was slated to make a series of speeches, and in numerous places has been advertised. Last night, however, Republican National headquarters in Chicago decided that Mason should not speak. The senator was to have spoken at Sedalia, Mo., and preparations had been made to care for the crowds. Committee member Atkins received a telegram from Chicago which said: "Shelve Mason." The advice was followed.

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\$5,000; to his friend, Charles H. Tweed, \$50,000.

To Mrs. Huntington for life, to go to Archer M. Huntington for life, and to his issue absolutely, \$250,000 is placed in trust for Archer M. Huntington and issue.

One million dollars in trust for the Princess Hatzfeldt, the capital to go to her issue, or failing issue, to such persons as she may direct by will.

The Fifty-seventh street and Fifth avenue residences in New York are given to Mrs. Huntington for life and then to Archer M. Huntington.

Two-thirds of his Southern Pacific railroad stock is given to Mrs. Huntington, one-third to H. E. Huntington.

Mrs. Huntington, Charles H. Tweed and Isaac E. Gates, Jr. Huntington's brother-in-law, are made executors of the will. All of Mr. Huntington's pictures are given to Mrs. Huntington's life afterwards to Archer M. Huntington for life, and at his death to the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York city, absolutely.

The value of the estate is not stated.

DESTITUTION IN NORTH CHINA

Minister Conger Telegraphs Concerning Native Christians

New York, Aug. 24.—The following dispatch from Minister Conger, sent from Peking by way of Taku and received at the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions this morning, tells a story of great destitution on the part of the native Christians in north China, and clearly indicates that many of them have been massacred in the northern provinces.

"Taku (no date).—North China Christians surviving slaughter destitute and homeless. Send immediate help. Thank offering Peking rescued. Wherry, Hobart, Smith.

In commenting upon the dispatch Robert E. Speer, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, said:

"The message came by way of Taku and was delayed in transmission as Minister Conger dates from Peking, August 20. The meaning of the dispatch is quite clear. The sufferings of the native Christians who have occupied massacre must be fearful. The last sentence of the dispatch, with a few words supplied, would read: 'Send immediate help, as thank offering that is Peking is rescued.'"

The signers of this appeal are Rev. John Wherry, D. D., a Presbyterian missionary; Rev. W. I. Hobart, a Methodist missionary, and Rev. Arthur H. Smith, D. D., a Congregationalist missionary. The message was sent by Minister Conger as a government dispatch in order to insure its receipt by us."

DECLINE OF 14 POINTS

The Condition of the Cotton Crop Is 78.

A DISCOURAGING REPORT

The Midsummer Report of the Agricultural Department—The Conditions Even Worse Than Stated by the Government Report—The Summer an Unusually Too Much Rains Followed by Drought Ruined the Crops.

The Agricultural Department yesterday issued the midsummer crop report for the State. It is far from encouraging.

In his remarks prefaceing the report, the Commissioner of Agriculture says the crop prospects are not encouraging. July showed a decrease in condition, augmented in August in most sections. The summer has been an unusual one; excessive rains in some places, followed by drought; in other sections an unbroken drought for two months, and in some small areas favorable seasons. It is under these unusual conditions very difficult to make a satisfactory estimate of the condition of crops.

Cotton is estimated at 78. The United States estimate being 80. Corn is 75; government estimate, 82. But the government report was on returns to August 1, while this State report is on much later returns, and during the interval there was a steady decline. All the crops are far from promising. Some counties show average crops; others a decrease to three-fourths or even one-half an average. Numerous reports show an even worse condition in a few parched counties. As to tobacco, the July estimate of both the State and the government was 90. For August that of the United States is 80; that of the State is 81, and, considering the decrease in acreage, this means only 70 per cent of last year's. But later returns show that 65 per cent is nearer the true comparison.

The following are the averages given in the report:

	Pct.
Cotton—Present condition	78
Cotton—Damage since last report	14
Tobacco—Present condition	80
Corn—Present condition	75
Field Peas—Present condition	82
Potatoes (Sweet)—Present condition	82
Potatoes (Late Irish)—Present condition	78
Peanuts—Present condition	83
Sorghum—Present condition	80
Cabbage (Late)—Present condition	72
Apples—Present condition	74
Grapes—Present condition	89

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IN LIMBO FOR LIFE

Peck Learns a Lesson in Rapid Transit

ALL QUIET NOW AT AKRON

Special Grand Jury Summoned to Investigate the Black Wretch—Bill; Found, Prisoner Brought from Cleveland, Pleads Guilty, Sentenced to Penitentiary and Sent Thither, All Within a Few Hours.

Akron, O., Aug. 24.—Louis E. Peck, the negro whose assault on a five year old girl caused the riots and burning of city hall in this city Wednesday evening, is now in the penitentiary sentenced to imprisonment for life. A special grand jury was summoned at noon today, being chosen from among the leading citizens of the town, with Captain Wagoner, a prominent banker, as its foreman. The indictment was returned at 2:30 p. m.

At 1:30 Peck was taken from the Cleveland prison, where he was taken Wednesday afternoon, and in custody of Akron officers was brought to Akron, arriving here at 3:13. He was escorted by a company of militia to the court house, arraigned before Judge B. J. Nye, pleaded guilty of criminal assault and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, and in ten minutes was on his way to the railroad, the train having been held in waiting. As he was being placed on the train a workman attempted to get near him, but he was placed on a car and a revolver being found in his pocket. The train arrived at 7:30 in Columbus this evening and Peck was immediately taken to the State prison.

The city has resumed its normal quiet, but the military will likely be kept here for several days.

POLICE AFTER JAS. BRYAN

The Deputy Constable Who Shot at Will Neville Thursday Night.

Will Neville, a negro against whom no charge has been preferred, had a narrow escape Thursday night from a mission the late Jas. Bryan by name. Bryan is one of the three deputies whom Constable Potter has had sworn in to assist him in his onerous duties, but being drunk at the time mentioned was probably acting in his individual capacity. At any rate, he stood on a street corner as the reports go, with his pistol in his hand and commanded Will to come to him. Will signified his intention to remain out of reach as long as the officer kept his pistol in his hand. Then he took flight and ran. The bullet barely missed him and split a plank in the fence beyond. All this occurred near the gas house in the Fourth ward.

When the facts were reported to Mayor Powell, he at once issued a warrant for the arrest of Bryan. This matter is as much the affair of any one of the city's sixteen magistrates as of the mayor. So that notwithstanding his commendable promptness the case may be tried elsewhere.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The score:

New York	1000000000-140
Philadelphia	000000000-140
Batteries: Hawley and Grady; Dunn and McFarland. Umpire, O'Day.	
St. Louis	40001200x-710
Chicago	000000000-100
Batteries: Powell and Robinson; Griffith and Chance. Umpire, Swartwood.	
Pittsburg	000002000-210
Cincinnati	400002000-110
Batteries: Chesbro and Schriver; Newton and Kehoe. Umpire, Snyder.	

Boy Drowned at Graham

Graham, N. C., Aug. 24.—Special.

About 3 o'clock this afternoon Robert Hunter, eight years old, met death by drowning in a pond used to supply water to the Oneida Cotton Mills in this place. He was the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hunter and was very popular among his playmates. His father is a machinist employed by the Scott-Mebane Manufacturing Company. The boy was fishing and accidentally fell into the water and was drowned before assistance could reach the scene of the heartrending calamity. Messrs. J. L. Teal and Penny were notified by the unfortunate lad's companions, and succeeded in recovering the body. They immediately summoned Drs. Long, Goley and Thompson, who employed every means of resuscitation, but their efforts proved futile.

Allies Occupy the Imperial City

Pekin, Aug. 17 (Evening)—Via Chefoo, Aug. 23, and Shanghai, Aug. 24.—Detachments of the allied army are now occupying the imperial city, and holding positions at the palace. The American marines on the south agreed not to enter. The city is full of imperial troops.

Re He-Pei-tsho mission was relieved yesterday and occupied by the allies. The Chinese losses were heavy. There were 200 casualties during the defense. The British have occupied the railroad station. The road is badly damaged. The city is patrolled by the military to prevent pillaging and burning, which has been going on since the occupation. The Americans are camping in the Temple of Agriculture.

Negroes Threaten Trouble

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 24.—A race war is imminent in Sabine county. The negroes have posted notices threatening to kill three prominent white men, and are intimidating white women. Race officers have been called from adjoining counties.

Amnesty for Dreyfus and Fleury

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Libre Parole says that President Loubet is preparing a message asking general amnesty for Dreyfus and Col. Picquart and also for five persons sentenced by the high court. Afterward, the paper says, Loubet will