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CHINESE ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

Appeals to the United States to Take a Hand.

DISCLAIM A STATE OF WAR.

Favorable action Probable on Condition of Conger's Safety.

OFFICIALS WILL NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER YET.

Army Retiring on Peking Like an Angry Mob—Small Hope for Foreigners When it Reaches the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The appeal of China to the United States Government to act as mediator in the present crisis in the Celestial Empire was the main topic of interest in department circles today, and it is regarded as certain that the message will be considered favorably if the Chinese officials evince a disposition to act fairly and will give some certain assurance as to the safety of Minister Conger, either by conveying him to Trku and placing him on board one of Admiral Remy's vessels or by procuring an indisputable dispatch from him, showing him to be alive. These are the terms upon which the United States will consent to become, in conjunction with France, the peace maker for China.

The State Department has not yet officially acknowledged the receipt of the message, but it is known that such a document signed by the emperor of China, was presented at the State department by Minister Wu, and has been forwarded to President at Canton, Ohio, and that a copy is now in the office of Secretary Hay. The latter absolutely declined to discuss the matter this morning and stated that he was not yet prepared to say anything about it. No answer will be given until Mr. McKinley has first gone over the appeal carefully, and has consulted the propositions contained therein.

It was stated by an official of the State Department today that the appeal is an exact copy of that to France, and that it maintains that war does not exist between the U. S. and China, and further holds that partition of the empire should not be the price of indemnity. A state of war with any of the powers is disclaimed, and the entire trouble is placed with rebellious troops and fanatical Boxers.

THE PIG TAILS GET A LICKING FROM ALLIES.

LONDON, July 23.—According to advices from Chefoo, the Chinese army, which has been roundly whipped by the allies at Tien Tsin, is now in retreat toward Peking.

The slaughter among the native troops from the fire of the international forces has been terrific and the Celestials are said to be thirsting for vengeance. Thousands of Chinese have been killed in trying to hold the various forts at Tien Tsin.

It is believed in Chefoo that if any foreigners are found alive in Peking when the Chinese and Boxer troops

arrive there, they will surely be tortured to death.

The destructions of Tien Tsin and the killing of so many Chinese in capturing the city has thoroughly aroused the Chinese troops and they are now like a mob. The government cannot hope to prevent mob rule in Peking when the demoralized and wounded troops arrive there.

It is the general belief here that it is now too late to help any foreigner in Peking, for if any were alive at the time of the attack on Tien Tsin they will surely be massacred by a Chinese mob of civilians and soldiers before or when the retiring troops reach the capitol.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the "organ of trade and manufacture" reports that a Russian force, guarding the Manchurian railway, is concentrating at Ljamlijan and the Chinese are withdrawing to Syndchau. On the approach of General Orloff, the Chinese withdrew from the Amur district at Brusseva and Kimarskaja.

There have been two encounters between the British and Chinese at Wei Hai Wei. The Chinese were repulsed after stubborn fighting. The British captured 200 rifles.

Advices have been received in Paris from Hankow, stating that the Chinese rebellion is spreading in the provinces Honan and Hudeh. The regular Chinese soldiers, who have been drilled by European officers, are manifesting a disposition to insult foreigners. The authorities, however, have thus far been able to keep them in contrite.

The French Consul at Chug Kiung cabled the French foreign office that the province the Szechuan is fairly quiet except in the northwest where Christians have been molested.

Officials of the French foreign office declare that, owing to the cloud of lying statements which are disseminated one day and denied the next, it is impossible to form a definite idea as to the situation in Peking.

Further details of the splendid dash made by a body of American and English troops, led by Major Waller, against a large force of Chinese, who were holding a fort west of the city of Tien Tsin, were received here today in a dispatch from Chefoo. The Celestials who held this fort had been annoying the allies with their fire and it was decided to rout them. Major Waller led his troops with a rush, and soon took the position, the Chinese losing heavily. The Yankees and the British captured four 4 inch rifles cannon, two 9-pounders, several small guns and a large quantity of ammunition.

The victory was won in an incredibly short time against an overwhelmingly superior force; and, despite the charge under fire and the fight in the fort, neither the Americans nor the British lost a man in the battle.

RALLY AT CUNINGHAM

500 People Entertained by Cuningham, Webster, Bryant and Long.

It was our pleasure to be with the County candidates at Cuningham yesterday. Upon our arrival we were taken in hand by the Misses Cuningham—and to those who are acquainted with these ladies know that there is nothing more to be said. For real, genuine old time Southern hospitality there is no place where it is dispensed with more lavish hands than in this beautiful home and by these beautiful and charming ladies.

The first thing that greets the eye when you drive up is a large and magnificent flag that is blowing in the breeze 65 feet in the air bearing the inscription, "Bryan and Aycock."

While the people were gathering the brass band from Boston made music. At 2 o'clock Col. Webster, who was introduced by Col. Cuningham in a very graceful manner, spoke for 50 minutes. He was followed by Victor S. Bryant who spoke for an hour and a quarter. After hearing these speakers if any man left opposed to the Amendment it was simply because he was so prejudiced that he would not hear.

After these speakers came the announcement of the various county candidates until our candidate for the Senate, Hon. J. A. Long was reached. He does not attempt oratory, but for a strong practical talker we have seldom heard his equal. He is perfectly at home with his subject and speaks with the power of conviction.

Col. Cuningham had promised the speakers a good crowd and they were not disappointed. Fully 500, quite a number of whom were ladies, were present. The Col. was master of ceremonies and right well did he perform his duty, introducing each speaker and candidate as their turn came. The crowd dispersed with three loud ringing cheers for Col. Cuningham.

North Carolina Populists.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 22.—The populist had an extended conference at their state headquarters today, at which Senator Butler, several of the state committee and candidates were present. Two Texans—Harry Tracy and Stump Schley—were with them also populist from Oregon and other states. Republican State Chairman Holton conferred with Butler.

Senator Butler sought yesterday to have democratic election registrars arrested, but only one arrest was made, so far as learned here. This was at Wallace, and it seems was by a federal deputy marshal.

Letters in great numbers were received at democratic headquarters today, and largely referred to the registration which ended yesterday.

Secretary Pearsall said: "The letters are most gratifying, and show an extremely satisfactory condition of affairs. The white registration is very full."

Chairman Simmons said: "The news as to the registration doubles our majority."

Vance on the Negro.

Zeb Vance in a memorable speech in the United States Senate four years before his death, January 20th 1890, in speaking of the negro as a citizen and office-holder in the South he said:

"Sense their admission to citizenship they have been elected to both branches of Congress and have occupied almost every position under State authority. They have controlled entire States, counties and municipalities, and in every instance their rule was marked by failure and ruin. It was a war against property, intelligence and respectability. The few years of their misrule in the South will be forever remembered in our history for their corruption, retrogression, and will constitute a damnable blot on those who authorized it, and who looked on with complacency so long as the thieves were Republicans, the victims were Democrats.—Oxford Public Ledger.

GOVERNOR ELIAS CARR DEAD.

Died at His Home in Edgecombe Sunday Morning.

WAS SIXTY-ONE YEARS OLD.

Was a Farmer All of His Life and Was Governor of North Carolina From 1893 to 1897.

TARBORO, N. C., July 23.—News reached the city Sunday night of the death of Ex-Governor Elias Carr, which occurred at his home place near Old Sparta, Edgecombe county at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Governor Carr had been in declining health for a year or more, but it was not known that he was in such a serious condition and the news of his death was received here with much surprise and pain by our citizens, many of whom knew him personally and intimately. He left a wife, two sons and a daughter, besides many relatives scattered all through the State.

Ex-Governor Elias Carr was born at Bracebridge, Edgecombe county, on February 25, 1839, and was therefore, in his sixty-second year. He was educated in private schools and the University of Virginia.

After his education he settled at the ancestral home place and conducted a farm there up to the time of his death. For fifteen years he was one of the commissioners of Edgecombe county; he was president of the county and state farmers alliance and was one of the committee to draft the famous Ocala resolutions of that organization. During the World's Columbian Exposition he was one of the commissioners from North Carolina. For a number of years he was one of the trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. He was elected governor of the state in 1892 and served from 1893 to 1897. He was perhaps one of the best known farmers in the state.

TRAITORS AND PERJURERS

That's What a Black and Tan Candidate Calls Confederate Soldiers.

The Democratic candidate for the House, in opening the joint canvass in Richlands last Friday, referred to the well known fact that thousands of the best citizens of North Carolina were not permitted to vote in 1868, while all the negroes were marched to the ballot box. In reply to this Mr. Isbell, the Republican candidate for the House, said that this was because they were Confederate soldiers, who had forfeited, not only their right to vote, but their lives also, because they were guilty of treason and perjury. He argued that they ought to have been deprived of their vote, and intimated that they were fortunate in that they were not hung as traitors.—Lenoir Topic.

Obituary—Mrs. Long.

Died, at her home, near Roxboro, Mrs. Jane Long, wife of S. M. Long and daughter of Martin and Nancy Clayton, July 9, 1900. She was 60 years old; had been married 30 years. Aunt Jane had been in declining health for over 12 months, but never gave up entirely until Saturday before she died. She told her children she could not live and that her troubles would soon be ended. Kind neighbors, physicians and friends could not do her any good. She had many friends who will miss her. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. NORA O'BRIAN.

Do for others and be careful they don't "do" you.

The lazy man considers a pleasant day too nice to work, and, of course, he doesn't feel that it is possible when it rains.

BUSHY FORK.

Democrats Jubilant—Good Rains—Other Notes.

BUSHY FORK, July 24.—Bushy Fork Township was visited by good rains Saturday and Sunday evenings. This was much needed and the farmers who have been looking blue and "down in the mouth" are now cheerful and merry. Crops of all kinds were suffering for rain, but they are now looking a great deal better.

Bushy Fork will do the right thing on the 2nd day of August. It is now conceded by many that the Democratic ticket will receive a larger majority than has been given the party for many years—and this township always rolls up a big majority for the White Man's ticket. The county candidates are making votes rapidly here. The Amendment will probably have fifteen white fusionists to oppose it here, and certainly not more than that number.

The Republican county candidates were at Bushy Fork Saturday. They had an average crowd. Coleman and Howard made speeches.

Miss Jennie Briggs has returned from a visit to her brother Rev. J. E. Briggs, at Macon, Ga.

Revs. R. H. Broom and S. Y. Brown are conducting a series of meetings at Mt. Zion church this week.

Thomas Whitfield is confined to his home with fever.

Miss Minnie Briggs, of Greensboro, is visiting Miss Jennie Briggs.

The Beulah Baptist Association will convene with Clement church on Tuesday, August 7th, and will be in session three days.

Since the election two years ago thirty or more colored voters have left Bushy Fork township. The registration of whites is about on an average.

Wheat threshing is now the order of the day.

Personal Stings.

"Joe Hamlin was mighty smart to tell on some other fellows," said a gentleman the other day, "and I wish to ask him to fulfill his engagement next Sunday—hot or not." From this it seems that Joe "begged off" last Sunday on account of the heat. His chances are slim anyhow, and he'd better take advantage of all. D.

The "tall man" from Roxboro had better visit the country oftener—that is if he intends to keep up his visits. The story goes that a prominent young man of this place hadn't been in the country for four nights, and arriving at the place didn't recognize it—he went 500 yards beyond the place. When he discovered his mistake he turned his buggy around, was thrown out, tangled up in the wheel and uprooted a large space of the "old man's tobacco."

Josiah Flynt and Francis Walton begin their "True Stories from the Under World" in the August McClure's with "In the Matter of His Nibs." The chief characters in the story are a detective, several thieves and a New York police captain. The stories are illustrated by studies from actual types in the Rogues' Gallery.

GO TO WASHINGTON.

Wait for the grand excursion to Washington over the N. & W., via Lynchburg, and the Southern Ry., TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th. Solid train from ROXBORO to WASHINGTON. No change of cars. The train will leave Roxboro on Tuesday August 7th, 8:30 a. m., and will return leaving Washington Thursday, the 9th. The fare for the round trip is the cheapest ever known—\$4.25. This is the best opportunity ever offered our people to visit the national capitol. Train stops at all stations from Roxboro to Rustburg. The manager has secured for the benefit of those who go on his excursion a rate of \$2.00 a day at the Metropolitan and \$1.50 at the Howard in Washington. Go and have a good time. This will be the last opportunity you will have to visit Washington this season at such a low price. Remember the date—August 7th. For further information address the manager.

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