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SOMEWHAT HOPEFUL.

Sheng Confirms Conger's Dispatch To Minister Wu.

Sheng Has Poor Reputation How ever Details of Battle at Tien Tsin, City Looted By Europeans Only. Loubet Refuses.

Special to Journal

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The State Department has posted a bulletin of two cablegrams received to lay by Minister Wu from Sheng, the Chinese director of railroads at Shanghai.

Sheng says "Fortunate that Conger's reply has come. Imperial decree eighteenth said all the Ministers were safe. The Insurgents fighting among themselves, killing great number. Li Hung Chang going north to suppress riots, but will find it difficult to go."

Sir Walter Hillyer, to be in command of the British forces in China is in New York today and says that he believes the Conger dispatch is authentic. He does not think that the allies can reach Pekin in time to save the ministers. A delayed telegram from Tien Tsin on the 16th, says that the various commanders of the foreign forces would decide on plans for advance in Pekin.

The Chinese Emperor has asked President Loubet of France to mediate between China and the powers. Pres. Loubet refuses to act. The Minister at Pekin is put in communication with the government.

Tsung Li Yamen says that the Chinese troops will not again attack foreigners and that the Boxers must be suppressed.

Admiral Remey reports that all is quiet at Tien Tsin. It is reported that a British cruiser has left Shanghai to seize Li Hung Chang.

The detailed report of the battle of Tien Tsin says that that it was a narrow escape from a disaster to the Allies.

The casualties of the allies in the three days fighting exceeding 1,000. There were several Russians and Frenchmen fighting on the Chinese side. The Chinese killed their own women wholesale to prevent them falling into the hands of the Russians. The Russians killed all the Chinese wounded in revenge for the Pekin massacre.

Colonel Liscum of the Ninth Regiment fell at the head of his regiment with the regimental flag grasped in his hand. He was shot in the abdomen and died in half an hour. His last words were "Keep up the firing." Colonel Liscum's body was escorted to the burial ground by two battalions of the Ninth.

The Regiment and other Americans, with the Japanese, advanced against a flanking fire, but were forced to lie in the mud all day, unable to help their wounded and compelled to drink canal water. They could not drive the foe, or charge, or do anything except fire a few rounds.

The Japanese were the heroes of the battle, fighting with remarkable bravery. They charged through the breach and fought the Chinese hand to hand. Their conduct after the battle was equally good. Fifty guns were captured by the allies.

After the capture of Tien Tsin the city was looted by all the foreign troops except the Americans and Japanese. A million dollars was taken.

The Ninth Regiment attacked a force of 4,000 Chinese. The Chinese shot the surgeons who were attending the wounded.

The latest news is that the Chinese are in full retreat from Tien Tsin and vicinity.

LONDON, July 20.—Complete skepticism prevails in official circles here as to the trustworthiness of the message received from United States Minister Conger.

Messages from Chinese sources are regarded as so contradictory that it is impossible to put credence in them. It is pointed out that a month has now elapsed since anything was heard from the British legation in Pekin. If messages can go one way they ought obviously to go another, but unfortunately it has been found impossible, in this country at all events, to induce the Chinese authorities to get any message through to the Foreign Ministers in Pekin or to transmit any intelligence from them to Europe.

The Conger dispatch fails to carry conviction to either the British press or public. Its genuineness is not disputed, for, as is pointed out here, the Chinese must possess quite a sheaf of such messages, which the Ministers fruitlessly endeavored to get transmitted, from which they could easily select a noncommittal dispatch to serve the required purpose.

A slight ray of hope is admitted in the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Conger are known to have been on very friendly terms with the Empress Dowager, but the universal opinion here is that, if the dispatch is genuine, the date is falsified.

BERLIN, July 20.—The German Government feels confident that the present attempts by Chinese officials to deny the Pekin massacre are insincere and dictated solely by a desire to hamper and retard the powerful joint action of the powers. At the Chinese legation here, where also denials of the massacre have arrived from the Viceroys, the statement was made today that the Chinese Minister himself, Lu Hai Houan, placed small reliance upon them.

ALL IS DOUBT.

European Governments Have no Faith in the Conger Dispatch.

A Later Feeling Gives Some Hope of an Advance. Several Small Skirmishes Take Place Can an Advance be Made.

Special to Journal

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The cablegrams received at the State Department from the United States ambassadors in Europe are very inconclusive in regard to the request for suggestions as to the means of expediting the movement of the allies on Pekin.

Not one European government regards the Conger dispatch as genuine. Thus far no desire is shown by one of them to comply with the hope of the United States that a forward movement be no longer delayed.

Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai does not believe that the Conger dispatch is genuine. He says that it is an old message.

The text of the decree Minister Wu gave the Department of State, was given out this morning. It declares that the Chinese government is protecting the legations July 17th, and says that the missionaries are the cause of the present trouble.

A dispatch from Chefoo, not dated, says that by a brilliant dash against a large force of Chinese, the American and English troops led by Maj. Waller captured the forts west and north of Tien Tsin. The Chinese were routed, losing heavily. The Americans and English captured many cannon and a large quantity of ammunition.

There were two encounters between British and Chinese forces near Wei Hai Wei, in which the latter were repulsed after stubborn fighting.

This morning the New York State Transport arrived from Hongkong at New York with the Fourth Infantry. The regiment will recruit to its full force vice in China.

A more favorable tone was noticeable later in the day. On the London Stock Exchange a rise of two to four points in the Chinese Loan took place, possibly on the presumption that the foreign missionaries were safe.

It is said also that the powers are planning a dash on Pekin. The movement is considered feasible as the Chinese are left in the vicinity of Tien Tsin.

As soon as the Russian General Linevitch is reported from Vladivostock to be proceeding to the scene of hostilities with an army corps and an artillery brigade arrives at Tien Tsin, the advance on Pekin will begin.

It is announced semi-officially from Yokohoma that the Japanese will advance August 5th from San Hoikwan while the other allies move simultaneously from Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The failure of the international forces to actively cooperate and formulate some plan for an advance without further delay is attributed to several causes. Among the officials in Washington the prevailing sentiment is that a grave mistake was made two weeks ago in supposing the ministers dead.

Had the forces at hand then been in a forward movement the rescue of those in such peril might have been accomplished. At least preparations might now have been completed for a forward movement before this time.

With scarcely 2,000 men on shore, it is realized it would be foolhardy for this Government to cut loose from the allies and start its own independent force for Pekin. Military men here who have studied the situation believe those on the ground at Taku are in a better position to judge of the task that would be encountered than those here. If the commanders in the field had believed there was the remotest hope of a small detachment getting through every American commander would have at once urged that the attempt be made.

Virginia Will Amend.

RICHMOND, Va., July 22.—To what they may, the Democrats in this State cannot prevent the question of the work of the Constitutional Convention overshadowing all Federal issues in this contest. There is thus far comparatively little interest manifested in the latter, while the proposition to disfranchise the negroes attracts very general attention.

The red-hot campaign in North Carolina, in which the same question is involved, is quite sure to have some effect in Virginia. The people here have practically decided to eliminate the colored vote as a factor in politics. The only question that remains is as to how this may best be effected without running counter to the Federal Constitution. Like the North Carolina Democrats, the leaders here have committed themselves to the policy of not permitting any white illiterates to come within the disfranchising provision. So the question is how this promise may be carried out in a manner which may meet the test of the Federal Supreme Court.

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Fusion Mass Meeting at Goldsboro a Fizzle. Negroes Present.

Special to Journal

GOLDSBORO, N. C., July 21.—The Populist Republican Mass Meeting met in the court house here today and ratified the ticket put out by the Fusion committee on 7th inst and named W. G. Hollowell as their candidate for the Senate.

H. J. Grant and Oscar J. Spear addressed the meeting. There were about 375 in the court house, divided about as follows: 300 negroes, 75 whites. Part of the latter were Democratic spectators. Republican estimates place the number in the court house, representing the great long talked of mass meeting of those opposed to the amendment in Wayne county at just 25 more than this estimate.

Fire at Goldsboro.

Special to Journal

GOLDSBORO, July 21.—Lightening set fire to and destroyed this evening the old mattress factory of Royal and Borden, used as a storage warehouse. In the building was quite a lot of chairs, mattresses, straw and cotton. No insurance. Firemen responded promptly and fought nobly but the property was doomed to destruction.

Storm at Goldsboro.

Special to Journal.

GOLDSBORO, July 23.—A heavy wind, rain and electric storm occurred here yesterday evening. Two houses were slightly damaged by lightning on Park avenue and three tenement houses were struck in eastern Goldsboro.

A negro woman and man were hit by the lightning. A shoe on the man's foot was torn to pieces, the woman was slightly injured. A negro had his horse and mule killed.

Herbert Toler, 12 years old, was drowned while bathing in Neuse river 6 miles from here.

Last of Andre.

CHICAGO, July 19.—A dispatch from Fort William, Ontario, says that Indians hunting on the east coast of Hudson Bay have brought word to the Hudson Bay Company's post on the west coast of James Bay that they found this spring a vast quantity of of wreckage, the bodies of of two men, and a man in the death struggle. The Indians reported that they could not understand the language he spoke, but that it was not English. He died while they were there and they returned to the trading post without bringing any evidence of the the strange story.

It is believed by the officials of the Hudson Bay Company that the Indians witnessed the ending of Andre's attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon. They had never seen a balloon, but from their description and the other fixtures, the officials are firmly convinced that it was the remnants of Andre's airship. A party guided by the same Indians has been sent out to bring evidence to establish the identity of the party.

People near Moose factory assert that early last Fall they saw a large balloon passing over to the northward, and this tends to confirm the story of the Indian hunters.

Fires in the Dismal Swamp.

NORFOLK, July 20.—Weeks of drought have put a large portion of the Dismal Swamp in a highly inflammable condition, and fires are eating into the timber undergrowth and peaty ground at several points along the Norfolk & Western Railroad. Fires are supposed to have been started from locomotives.

If no heavy rain comes soon, there may be heavy losses in the destruction of standing timber. The drought has effected the depth of water in both the Dismal Swamp and Albemarle and Chesapeake Canals, and some vessels of deep draft have not been able to get through.

Enormous Trade Figures.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The total foreign commerce of the United States during the fiscal year 1900 exceeds by 16.2-3 per cent. that of any preceding year, being $329,000,000 greater than that of 1899, the heaviest previous year on record. The total commerce of the year is $2,244,193,543. The exports are $1,394,479,214, or $163,000,000 in excess of those of 1898, which held the record of the largest exports until the record of 1900 was made.

THE MARKETS.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham, New Bern, N. C.

NEW YORK, July 23

COTTON:—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Aug	9.35	9.35	9.30	9.33
Sept	8.80	8.80	8.70	8.70
Oct	8.45	8.45	8.37	8.37
Nov	8.38	8.38	8.22	8.25
Jan	8.23	8.23	8.19	8.20
Mch	8.28	8.29	8.25	8.27

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT:—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Sept	77¼	78	76¾	76¾
CORN:—				
Sept	39½	39¾	39½	39½
So. R'y Pfd	52			53
T. C. I.	71½			74½
Fel. S.	35½			35½
Con. T.				80
Leather	11¼			11¼

Cotton receipts were 8,000 bales at all ports.

EX-GOV. CARR.

His Death Yesterday on His Farm in Edgecombe County.

The Drought Broken. The Temperature Record. Butler and Holton Confer. The Registration Legislature to Meet Wednesday.

Special to Journal

RALEIGH, N. C., July 23.—Gov. Elias Carr died yesterday, after a long illness at Braxwick Hall, his seat, in Edgecombe county. He was 70 years of age, was the son of Jonas Carr, and was born on the farm where he died. He was a descendant of Gov. Samuel Johnson. His mother was born Mary E. Hilliard, of Nash. He married Miss Eleanor Kearney, of Nash, Warren county. He was educated at Bingham School, the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia. He was one of the best farmers in the State, and was a Commissioner of Agriculture, also a Director of the A. & M. College, President of the State Farmers' Alliance, delegate to Ocala, etc. He was nominated for Governor in June 1892 and inaugurated in 1893. He was a student and a gentleman in the most delightful sense of the word.

The terrible drought was ended late yesterday afternoon. The mercury fell from 100 degrees at 1 to 72 at 7. The rainfall was 1½ inches. The weather bureau says there were quite general rains.

The weather last week and yesterday was phenomenal. Maximum temperatures were: Monday 96, Tuesday 94, Wednesday 95, Thursday 98, Friday 100, Saturday 99, Sunday 100. The mean maximum temperature of the week was 97.4-10, which broke the U. S. A. record. The storm came from the northwest, which is unusual.

Mrs. Joseph B. Batchelor died at her home here this morning, suddenly, of heart disease, aged 72. She was Miss Casey Plummer of Warren county, and had a large family connection in this State and Virginia. Her burial will take place in Warren county. She was one of the best beloved women in Raleigh and her death was a great shock. Last month she and her husband, Hon. Joseph B. Batchelor, celebrated their golden wedding.

Senator Butler and Republican State Chairman Holton had another conference yesterday. Many Populists were here in conference, among them State nominees and committeemen of the Populists, as well as some visiting statesmen of the latter faith. Among these were two from Texas, Harry Tracy of Tulia and Stump Ashby of Fort Worth.

The news at Democratic State Headquarters here as to the registration in the State is more than gratifying. As Chairman Simmons and Secretary Pearsall put it, "It doubles our majority." The negro registration is not heavy. In New Hanover county is only 36, in Raleigh 480 under that 1898, in Charlotte much below the latter.

The legislature meets Wednesday. Only the officers and a few members will be here, enough to meet and adjourn. Clerk Brevard Nixon of the House is the first arrival.

The Capitol was closed today, and the State flags at half staff, as a mark of respect to the memory of ex-Gov. Carr.

Senator Butler had planned to have a number of Democratic registrars of election arrested Saturday, but only one arrest was made at Wallace, and by a Federal officer, it is said.

Tammany's Campaign Contribution.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Tammany's campaign fund this year will fall little short of $2,500,000, according to the Herald. It may even exceed this sum, if the leaders decide that they need the money and deem it wise to exert their power to collect it.

The figures are regarded as moderate by men who are familiar with Tammany's source of income. About $20,000,000 in salaries goes to office-holders in Tammany's jurisdiction who can be reached by the political assessors.

Along the Way.

A little love, a little cheerfulness
A little sense of home along the way,
A little heartening in the battle's stress,
A little singing at the close of day—
And oh! this life is not all cold and gray,
But sweet with comfort and with sunshine bright,
If that we keep each helping as he may,
These little things in sight.

A little hope, a little faith serene,
A little word of strength for those who fall,
A little smiling, tho' tears come between,
A little charity if need should call—
And O! not paltry is our life nor small
But big and fine and filled with sweet delight,
If that we keep each for the sake of all
These little things in sight.

To the Republicans of Craven County

At the request of the Republican State Executive Committee, your central campaign committee by authority invested in them by the Republican County Executive committee have endorsed Mr. J. S. Basnight the Populist nominee for the Legislature and your committee earnestly requests for him the undivided and loyal support of all the Republicans of Craven county.

ROBT. HANCOCK,
Chairman.

DRIED OUT.

The Corn Crop Ruined Already in Some Sections.

Suits to be Made by Registrars. White Supremacy Badges. Registration is Close. Did Harm. The Train.

Special to Journal

RALEIGH, N. C., July 23.—Twenty-seven injunctions brought against the registrars will include those who have made affidavits against election registrars are not to be prosecuted. To the registrars suits will be left the matter of suits for damages.

The Southern railway procured from Judge Simonton a restraining order against the Corporation Commission in state and local securities and this order was served this morning upon those officials. The Atlantic Coast Line papers were served on Yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Watson, large farmer and melon grower, who lives in this county, south of here, said today that the hot weather and drought have made the water melon crop a large degree a failure. For one good melon there are five or ten worthless. He says the cotton in his section is gone, that the bolls are as dead as they will be in December, and that he would not give a snap of his fingers for it.

The State crop report for the first week in July gave the condition of cotton at 90, corn 85, tobacco 89. Those figures are now meaningless. The great drought has changed everything for the worse.

The Raleigh heat record is very weak in its boasting. The mercury yesterday was unsatisfactory to the local talent.

No less than 50,000 White Supremacy badges have been sold and are now being worn in this State.

This was the last day for the registration for the State election in August. The registration here is said to be quite close. There was no rush today.

The Republicans are frank enough to admit that the Democrats will carry this county by 500 majority. These figures are far too low, as 1,000 to 1,200 will be closer to the truth. Senator Butler tried to boss fusion politics in this county. The Republicans say this is what ruined them.

People here are puzzled by the taking off of the late train on the Atlantic and North Carolina railway. Railway people here asked why this train was discontinued, but no reason was given.

Blue and Gray Talk of War.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 20.—Union and Confederate veterans attending the reunion of the Blue and the Gray here engaged today in recounting experiences of the war and becoming acquainted on a more amicable basis than when they met during the battles around Atlanta in July 1864.

Many of them visited the battlefield during the day. In the afternoon a barbecue was given at Piedmont Park, at which 5,000 persons were present. The principal orators were Gen. Albert D. Shaw, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Gov. J. A. Mount, of Indiana.

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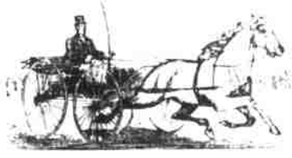
GOOD NEWS.



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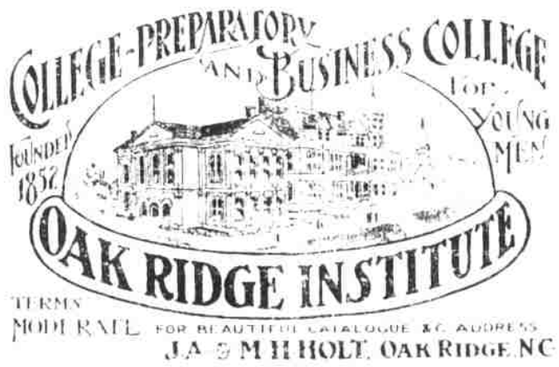

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