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CHINA APPEALS FOR AID.

Message from the Emperor Requests President McKinley to Act as Mediator with Powers.

WILL DO SO ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Aid Depends Upon the Safety of Foreign Ministers—If Terms Are Agreed To an Amicable Settlement Is Expected—Text of the Message and the Reply.

Washington, July 25.—The state department is again in a waiting attitude regarding China. It has frankly, promptly and fully answered the Chinese emperor's appeal for mediation, and the correspondence given publicity Tuesday makes it appear that the next move is for the Chinese government. It is expected to accept or reject our terms at once, and in either case the answer must convey tidings of the state of affairs at Peking and the welfare of the legationers.

Correspondence Published.

Washington, July 25.—The following correspondence between the president of the United States and the emperor of China was made public by the state department Tuesday:

Translation of a cablegram received by Minister Wu on July 20, 1900, from the vantai of Shanghai, under date July 19, 1900:

Have received a telegram from Gov. Yuan (of Shantung), dated 23d day of this moon (July 19), who, having received from the privy council (at Peking) a dispatch embodying an imperial letter to the president of the United States, has instructed me to transmit it to your excellency.

The Emperor's Message.

The imperial message is respectfully transmitted as follows:

"The Emperor of China to His Excellency, the President of the United States. Greeting: China has long maintained friendly relations with the United States, and is deeply conscious that the object of the United States is international commerce. Neither country entertains the least suspicion or distrust towards the other. Recent outbreaks of mutual antipathy between the people and Christian missions caused the foreign powers to view with suspicion the position of the imperial government as favorable to the people and prejudicial to the missions, with the result that the Taku forts were attacked and captured. Conflicts were there has been clashing of forces with calamitous consequences. The situation has become more and more serious and critical. We have just received a telegraphic memorial from our envoy, Wu Ting Fang, and it is highly gratifying to us to learn that the United States government, having in view the friendly relations between the two countries, has taken a deep interest in the present situation. Now China, driven by the irresistible course of events, has unfortunately incurred a rupture with the United nation. For settling the present difficulty China places special reliance in the United States. We address this message to your excellency in all sincerity and candidness, with the hope that your excellency will devise measures and take the initiative in bringing about a concert of the powers for the restoration of order and peace. The favor of a kind reply is earnestly requested, and awaited with the greatest anxiety.

"Kwanghsu, twenty-sixth year, sixth moon, 23d day (July 19)."

It is, further our duty to transmit the above with the request that your excellency, in respectful obedience of imperial wishes, will deliver the same to its high destination and favor me with a reply.

YU LIEN YUEN,
Taotai at Shanghai.

Kwangnsu, twenty-sixth year, sixth moon, 23d day (July 19, 1900).

The President's Reply.

This cablegram was at once communicated to the Canton, O., and the following is his reply:

"The President of the United States to the Emperor of China. Greeting: I have received your majesty's message of the 19th of July, and am glad to know that your majesty recognizes the fact that the government and people of the United States desire of China nothing but what is just and suitable. The purpose for which we landed troops in China was the rescue of our legation from grave danger, and the protection of the lives and property of Americans who were in peril in China in the enjoyment of rights guaranteed them by treaty and by international law. The same purposes are publicly declared by all the powers which have landed military forces in your majesty's empire.

"I am to infer from your majesty's letter that the malefactors who have disturbed the peace of China, who have murdered the minister of Germany, and a member of the Japanese legation, and who now hold besieged in Peking those foreign diplomatists who still survive, have not only not received the favor or encouragement from your majesty, but are actually in rebellion against the imperial authority. If this be the case, I most solemnly call upon your majesty's government, (1) To give public assurance whether the foreign ministers are alive, and, if so, in what condition. (2) To put the diplomatic representatives of the powers in immediate and free communication with their respective governments, and to remove all danger to their lives and liberty. (3) To place the imperial authorities of China in communication with the relief expedition so that cooperation may be secured between them for the liberation of the legationers, the protection of foreigners and the restoration of order.

"If these objects are accomplished, it is the belief of this government that no obstacles will be found to exist on the part of the powers to an amicable settlement of all the questions arising out of the recent troubles and the friendly good offices of this government will, with the assent of the other powers, be cheerfully placed at your majesty's disposition for that purpose.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY, July 23, 1900."

"By the President, JOHN HAY, Secretary of State."

Reply Expected Soon.

The state department and the Chinese legation substantially agree in the estimate of six to eight days as the time necessary to get a reply to the president's answer to the appeal of the Chinese government.

Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, July 26.—Ludwig S. Rassmussen, aged 50, killed Mrs. Augusta Bergenthal, a widow, in Chicago, and then killed himself. Refusal of the woman to marry him was the cause.

Passed Away.

Burlington, Vt., July 25.—Hon. L. E. Chittenden, register of the treasury during the Lincoln administration, died here Sunday. He was 77 years old.

THE GOLD DEMOCRACY.

National Committee Decides Against Fusion or Third Ticket and Adopts Resolutions.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 26.—By vote of the national committee of the national gold democracy yesterday afternoon the scheme of fusion with the anti-imperialistic movement originating with the recent mass meeting in New York city was defeated, as was also the plan to place a gold democratic ticket in the field this year. The committee adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this committee the nomination of candidates by the national democratic party for the offices of president and vice president is unwise and unexcellent.

"Resolved, second, That we reaffirm the Indianapolis platform of 1896.

"Third, We recommend the state committees in their respective states to preserve their organizations and take such steps as in their opinion may best subserve the principles of our party, especially in the maintenance of a sound currency, the right of private contract, the independence of the judiciary and the authority of the president to enforce federal laws, a covert attack on which is made under the guise of the denunciation of government by injunction.

"We urge the voters not to be deceived by the plea that the money question has been finally settled. The specific reiteration of the demand for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 by the Kansas City convention and the history known of all men in connection therewith emphasize the danger of this demand. We indorse the action of congress in passing a bill embodying the gold standard as a step in the right direction. We feel it would be dangerous to elevate to executive power anyone hostile to the maintenance and enforcement of this law."

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS.

Meet in Detroit and Nominate a Candidate for Governor and Other State Officers.

Detroit, Mich., July 26.—Hon. William C. Maybury, mayor of Detroit, was last evening tendered the democratic nomination for governor of Michigan with a unanimity which rendered useless the taking of any ballot. The ticket nominated is as follows:

Governor, William C. Maybury, of Detroit; lieutenant governor, John W. James; G. Ramsdell, of Traverse City; secretary of state, John W. Ewing, of Grand Ledge; treasurer, Charles F. Sundstrum, of Marquette; auditor general, Hiram D. Hudson, of Macomb; attorney general, James O'Hara, of Benton Harbor; commissioner of land office, Maj. George Winans, of Hamburg; superintendent of public instruction, Stephen H. Langdon, of Monroe; member of state board of education, Dr. James McEntee, of Mount Pleasant; presidential electors at large, Lawrence Hubinger, of Saginaw; Philip B. Wachter, of Hockey.

The resolutions adopted, after denouncing the republican administration, both national and state, declare:

We hail with supreme satisfaction the nomination of Bryan and Stevenson, and pledge them our undying support, and heartily indorse the Kansas City platform in letter and in spirit, in all its parts, with no apology for any plank thereof, and in addition we express ourselves in favor of an income tax that wealth may bear its just burden of taxation.

We look with apprehension on the progress of the trusts toward the industrial subjugation of the republic, and recognizing that their power of oppression is founded on special privileges derived from our statutes, we pledge ourselves to repeal all laws by which special privileges are conferred.

GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Two Men and a Woman Killed at Mattoon, Ill., by a Light Engine Going at High Speed.

Mattoon, Ill., July 25.—Three persons and a team of horses were killed at the Broadway crossing of the Illinois Central railroad in this city. Thomas Bartles was driving a cab and William Bosely was on the seat with him. Mrs. E. M. Waller, a nurse, summoned to attend a patient, was in the cab. A light engine was backing through the city at rapid speed when it struck the cab, mangling the bodies of the two men and injuring Mrs. Waller so seriously that she died within two hours.

Killed Her Husband.

St. Louis, July 24.—Mrs. Lucy Holland shot and killed her husband, Michael Holland, a gasfitter, at their home in North Ninth street Monday night. According to her story he was intoxicated and abused her beyond the point of endurance. She declares that he drove her out of the house and when she returned threatened to throw the lamp at her. Then she obtained a revolver and shot him through the head.

A Timely Shot.

Milwaukee, July 26.—A special from Sheboygan, Wis., says: An eagle measuring six feet 1½ inches from tip to tip of wings, was killed by T. Smith, a farmer living in the town of Sheboygan Falls. While at work he saw the great bird fly close to his children and clasp his daughter Mary, aged three years. The man secured a rifle and shot the eagle. The child and bird fell to the ground, the child not being injured.

Cut in Two.

Liverpool, July 23.—During a dense fog off Holyhead Saturday morning the Cunard liner Campania ran down the bark Embleton, of Liverpool. Seven of the crew of the Embleton were saved by the Campania's boats, but 11, including the captain, were drowned.

Breaks Cycle Records.

New York, July 24.—Mrs. Lindsay finished her phenomenal ride of 1,500 miles at 2:30 o'clock, having broken all records up to 1,000 miles, and created new ones past that point. She started last Monday morning at six o'clock and the 1,500 miles were covered in 164 hours and 35 minutes.

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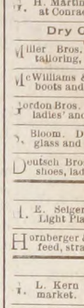

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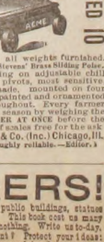

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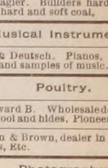

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