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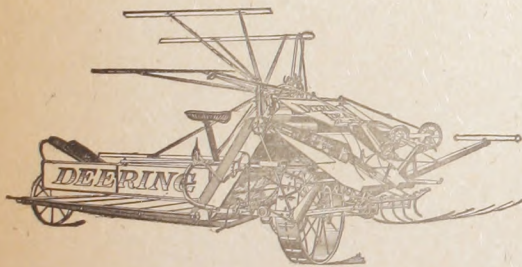
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BOXERS CUT THE TELEGRAPH LINES.

Li Hung Chang Not Held by Admirals--Attitude of the Powers Causes Anxiety in Washington--Imminent Danger of a Clash--Country Around Peking Devastated.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The question of the withdrawal of the United States forces from Peking to Tientsin or Taku has been seriously considered by the president and his advisers. A great deal of pressure has been brought to bear upon the administration to take this step, but after mature deliberation it has been determined that the negotiations for the settlement of the questions growing out of the disturbances in China must take place in the Chinese capital and that while these negotiations are pending and until they are completed it will be necessary for the United States forces to remain in the Chinese capital.

War Report Denied.
Washington, Aug. 27.—Russia, Germany and Japan have not declared war upon China, either separately or in concert. This statement is made upon authority of the highest character. What those nations may do within the next 48 hours, or within the next fortnight, is a question which no one in Washington is prepared to answer.

Boxers Cut Lines.
Washington, Aug. 28.—After several days' intermission in Chinese advices the government Monday received two dispatches which presumably bring its advices up to the most recent date. There are indications that the principal delays in the lines of communication are encountered between Tientsin and Peking, a fact explainable by the newspaper advices that small bands of Boxers are operating on the line of communication of the Peking campaign force.

Empress Lent.
London, Aug. 29.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the Chinese officials there have informed the foreign consuls that the emperor, dowager empress and Prince Tuan have arrived in the neighborhood of Tai-Yuan-Fu.

Preparing for the Winter.
Tientsin, Aug. 24, via Taku, Aug. 29.—Officers who have arrived here from Peking report that Gen. Chaffee, commanding the American forces in China, is making all the necessary preparations to maintain 15,000 men through the winter.

Americans at Tientsin.
Tientsin, Aug. 25, via Taku, Aug. 29.—Fifty Americans, including the Misses Condit-Smith, Woodward and Paine, have arrived here from Peking, which city they left five days ago.

Danger of a Clash.
Washington, Aug. 30.—A special session of the cabinet Wednesday, following upon a midnight conference at the white house Tuesday night, was among the numerous evidences of the gravity of the Chinese situation. The crisis is of a diplomatic nature, and the white house conference was the result of a communication made by the Russian charge d'affaires in reply to our inquiry as to the proposed course of the powers in China. Mr. De Wollant came over from the summer embassy at Cape May to bring the message.

From this and other replies this government is led to believe that there is imminent danger of a clash between the powers.

The efforts of the United States to secure a stay of military operations and a concert of the powers looking to the settlement of the troubles without a dismemberment of the Chinese empire have not been attended with success.

Russia's Attitude.
London, Aug. 30.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg contains the assertion that Russia, almost immediately, will notify the powers that she considers the relief of the Peking legations as the final accomplishment of the military task of the allied forces.

England's Attitude.
London, Aug. 30.—Amid the growing difficulties of the Chinese imbroglio, Mr. Broderick's emphatic declaration at Thorncombe proves that the British government does not yet see any cause to depart from the line of policy originally decided upon, namely, to take no responsibility for the administration of China.

New German Minister.
Berlin, Aug. 30.—Official dispatches from Shanghai announce the arrival there of the new German minister to China, Dr. Von Munn-Schwartzstein.

Left for Peking.
Tientsin, Aug. 28, via Chefoo, Aug. 30.—One thousand Russians left Tientsin for Peking. The country here is quiet.

Firm Common Policy.
Paris, Aug. 30.—The report that Russia, Germany and France have decided to adopt a firm common policy in China is believed here to be correct. It is said that this is the result of Count von Bulow's recent interview with Count von Osten-Sacken, the Russian ambassador at Berlin.

Not a Prisoner.
London, Aug. 30.—The special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "There is no truth in the report that Li Hung Chang is held by the allied admirals. He is still at Shanghai, and as long as the powers refuse to accept him as peace envoy he will remain there."

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

The Knights Templar.
Officers were elected and installed at the annual session in Rock Island of the grand convocation of the Knights Templar of Illinois. The officers are: Grand commander, R. E. Moore, Chicago; deputy grand commander, J. B. Foster, Chicago; grand generalissimo, A. J. Young, Springfield; grand captain general, H. S. Cooper, Chicago; grand prior, Adam Horn, Chicago; grand treasurer, J. E. Rollins, Springfield; grand recorder, H. T. Daniel, Chicago; senior grand warden, H. Clay, Springfield; junior grand warden, C. A. Ricks, Duquoin; grand instructor, A. O. Ferguson, Chicago.

Crop Conditions.
The weekly crop report issued by the Washington weather bureau says for Illinois:

Dry in southern district, where crops generally have suffered, while good rains in northern districts revived vegetation; threshing delayed; oats injured by rain; plowing resumed north; corn improved in northern and central districts; big yield promised injured by dry weather in south portion; broom corn and stock peas harvest begun; apple prospects slightly improved in northern and central districts, but deteriorating south, yield promising to be below average.

Seventy-Five Years Wed.
Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, two of the oldest settlers of Washington county, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their country home south of Nashville. Seven children, 26 grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren were present. Mr. Carroll is 93 and his wife 92 years of age. The house in which the reunion was held has been occupied by the Carrolls for 51 years.

Work for Thousands.
The state bureau of labor statistics issued a bulletin giving a summary of the operations of the three state free employment offices at Chicago for the first year of operation. It says:

There were filed 41,265 applications for employment, and of the number 32,612 secured positions. Of applicants, 27,311 were males, and 10,499 females. There were 20,006 applications for male help filed, and of the number 3,380 were unfilled. There were 12,452 applications for female help filed, and of the number 3,477 were unfilled.

Broom Corn Damaged.
One of the heaviest wind and electrical storms in the history of eastern Illinois was experienced near Oakland, doing thousands of dollars' damage to growing crops, especially broom corn, which was ready to cut. Many fields were laid bare, and it will be impossible to cut the broom. It is estimated that the damage done to broom corn will reach \$500,000.

Killed in a Quarrel.
Charles Dina, an Italian employed by the Illinois Central railroad near Cornland, quarreled with his father-in-law over money matters and the old man emptied a charge of bird shot into his son-in-law's leg. Dina died from the effects of the wound and the father-in-law, Vincenas Baimbino, is in jail at Lincoln on the charge of murder.

Kidnaper Goes Insane.
Ezra Ann Ingersoll, of Painesville, O., the woman who in May, 1898, kidnaped Gerald Lapiner, aged 2½ years, at Chicago, and kept him hidden several months, has gone insane after a year's confinement in the state penitentiary and has been taken to Kankakee insane asylum.

Said He Was Crazy.
Sidney Whittico, the man who attempted to kill his wife and shot his sister-in-law, Maggie Drennan, at Perry, and who was captured, has made a full confession. He declared that he was crazy when he attempted to kill the women. He is in jail at Pana.

Told in a Few Lines.
Bishop Joyce, in the presence of 2,000 people, dedicated the new tabernacle at Epworth Grove camp meeting grounds in Rockford.

Oil has at last been found in paying quantity in Herscher, Kankakee county.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Storey, of Bloomington, have been married 64 years.

The thirty-fourth annual reunion of the old settlers of Logan county was held at Mount Pulaski, between 10,000 and 12,000 people being in attendance.

John Nelson was sicked to death by a horse in Syracuse.

John Yates, a farmer residing near Shinkley, was overcome by heat in his pasture and died in a few moments.

W. M. Ryan, a leading farmer at Stonington, fell dead from heat while driving from market to his home.

The sixteenth reunion of the Dooley family was held in Bloomington. Nearly 100 members of the family were present, all descendants of William and Minerva Dooley.

Mrs. Cynthia Prentice, of Utica, 103 years and 4 months old, attended the annual picnic of the old settlers at Ottawa.

As an instance of the rapidity with which cremation is taking the place of ordinary burial it is stated that the ashes of 540 persons have been strewn under the elms of Graeland cemetery in Chicago.

The census gives Chicago a population of 1,698,571, a gain of 598,725 in ten years.

Andrew McBain fell dead from overheating at Hillsboro. He was 50 years old and lived at Litchfield.

An incendiary fire destroyed the lounge and mattress factory at Peoria and Capt. Manning was killed by a falling wall and five other firemen were injured.

Harry Ford, son of a well-known Geneseo farmer, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. His brother standing at his side, escaped.

William Ryan, a prominent and well-to-do farmer living near Stonington, was instantly killed by falling from his wagon.

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