

Around the Globe.

THE RESCUE AT PEKIN.

After two months' imprisonment the members of the foreign legations in Pekin were reached on Aug 15 by the army of the allies when it entered the city. Three gates in the eastern outer wall of the city were battered down by the troops, two of them by Japanese, the third by other nationalities. The Japanese loss in dead and wounded being the heaviest, or about 400. The casualties to the American force were very few.

It was on June 4 and 6 that the ministers in Peking cabled danger to their governments, and June 7 that 300 British marines landed at Taku to protect the railroad between Tientsin and Peking. June 12 the Japanese chancellor was slain, and on the 13th the international column, which later failed and turned back, started for Peking. June 15 the foreign legations were prisoners in Peking; 16th, the German minister, Baron Von Ketteler, was reported slain, June 18 the allies bombarded and captured the forts at Taku. June 25 an allied force entered Tientsin after a hard fight. Early in July the allied army was defeated at Tientsin. Col Liscum and 30 other Americans being killed. July 13 Tientsin was captured by the allies.

Here and There—Six cities of which the official census returns have been made public, have made gains since 1890 as follows, (the new figures being given first, old second, percentage of increase third): Washington, 278,718, 230,392, 20.98 per cent gain; Cincinnati, 325,902, 295,908, 9.77 per cent; Louisville, 204,731, 161,127, 27.06 per cent; Milwaukee, 285,315, 204,486, 39.54 per cent; Buffalo, 352,219, 255,664, 37.77 per cent; Providence, 175,597, 132,146, 32.88 per cent.

Louisiana, which still leases out its convicts, will adopt the state farm plan, which is working well in Texas and Mississippi. The convicts are leased out until Mar 3, 1901, but the board of penitentiary control is authorized to take charge of them Jan 1 if the lessees are willing to give them up at that time. The convict camps maintained under the lease system have occasioned much scandal.

Alabama will follow the Carolinas, Mississippi and Louisiana in adopting a constitutional amendment which will operate to disfranchise the most of the negro voters. In the state election the issue was the proposed convention for this purpose and the heavy democratic majority assured the success of this plan.

The National Association of the Army of the Philippines has been organized at Denver, and the annual meeting is to take place on Aug 13 of each year. The president is Gen Francis V. Greene, New York; corresponding secretary, Maj David Fairchild; recording secretary, B. F. Stapleton, Colorado; treasurer, Capt F. James Cosgrove, Nebraska. The next meeting will be held at Salt Lake City.

The population of the Greater New York is 3,437,202, an increase of 37.9 per cent in 10 years.

Over 70,000 tons of forged steel are being purchased for armor plate for the navy, at a cost of \$30,000,000. Chicago packers have been asked by the government to furnish 2,000,000 pounds of meats within 30 days for the American soldiers in the orient. This is said to be the largest requisition ever issued by the government of the United States.

The Islands—Beginning with Sept 1 there will be a division of authority in the Philippines whereby the civil commission will undertake what may be termed the legislative functions of the government, while Gen MacArthur, the military commander, is to control the executive functions; that is to say, the commission is to make rules respecting civil government which the military commander is to carry out, and, we are told, the effort is to be made to establish such military government, except at points where the military situation does not admit of such a condition, and to have such laws made respecting marriage, divorce, duties, school administration and civil appointments under a civil service method as may seem to be expedient, and as may at the same time indicate to the

Philippines the disposition toward them of the American people.

A passage in Col W J. Bryan's speech at the notification meeting in Indianapolis, which has provoked general discussion, was a personal pledge if elected to call congress in special session in March, 1901, and to make this recommendation to that body. "An immediate declaration of the nation's purpose, first, to establish a stable form of government in the Philippine islands, just as we are now establishing a stable form of government in the island of Cuba, second, to give independence to the Philippines, just as we have promised to give independence to the Cubans, third, to protect the Philippines from outside interference while they work out their destiny, just as we have protected the republics of Central and South America, and are, by the Monroe doctrine, pledged to protect Cuba."

Bank Notes—The increase in national bank circulation under the law of March 14, 1900, is already \$70,000,000, or much more than was predicted by experts, and it seems likely to continue. The new issues for July aggregated \$12,331,000. This addition to the circulating medium far exceeds the national bank note issues of any full year in the country's history, only excepting 1865 and 1866. It exceeds the annual increase in all kinds of currency combined, in 28 out of the 35 years since the civil war. In the second of these years the new bank circulation reached a total of \$135,000,000.

The Agricultural Features of the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo next year. Superintendent Converse writes, will have a special building covering more than two acres, exclusive of live stock and dairy interests. The dairy building, separate, will have the best of refrigerating facilities. There may be a dairy test, with prizes. The exhibit of animals is to include a wide range of cattle, horses, sheep and swine, and a great poultry show. There will be also dogs and pet stock. An amphitheater or stadium seating 20,000 people will be utilized for the display of live stock. The superintendent of the agricultural features, F. A. Converse, now has an office in Buffalo, at 736 Elliott square, where he can be consulted by intending exhibitors of animals or other farm products.

British Losses—The first 10 months of the Boer war resulted in 8457 deaths of British soldiers, of whom 2731 were killed in action, and 4867 died of disease, the rest dying of wounds, accidents, or captivity. Of the dead, 479 were officers. To the total of deaths must be added 2218 missing and prisoners. No less than 23,665 men have been sent home as invalids, making the drain upon the British army through these various losses 54,360. Then add 18,000 now in hospital in South Africa, bringing the aggregate losses beyond 52,000 men. The money cost of the war during the 10 months was fully \$400,000,000.

The Anti-Imperialist Congress at Indianapolis came out strongly for Bryan, and the third party men, who were a small minority, decided to hold a conference in New York Sept 5. The resolutions adopted at the congress take the form of an address to the people advising support of Bryan, but making no opposition to a third ticket. The address "recognizes a great national crisis which menaces the republic." It is "absolutely" opposed to the policy of President McKinley, which proposes to govern millions of men without their consent, which in Porto Rico establishes taxation without representation "and in the Philippines prosecutes a war of conquest." "We advise direct support of Mr Bryan as the most effective means of crushing imperialism. We are convinced of Mr Bryan's sincerity and of his earnest purpose to secure to the Philippines their independence."

Obituary—John James Ingalls was a brilliant orator and the author of a beautiful sonnet entitled Opportunity, which ranks among the finest of poetry in the language. He coined the saying, "In politics the golden rule or the ten commandments is an iridescent dream." Mr Ingalls was born in Massachusetts 66 years ago, of Puritan stock, was graduated from Williams college, studied law and migrated to Kansas, where he was a member of the Wyandot convention, secretary of the territorial council, secretary of the first state senate, judge advocate and United States senator from 1873 to 1891. The great chess player, William Steinitz, died in a New York hospital, insane. He went mad while engaged in a chess contest with Lasker at Moscow, and his 25 years as the world's champion were at an end. He was a native of Bohemia. The late Baron Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, was a native of Ireland and did not have a college education. He was the first Roman Catholic to be lord chief justice of England since the Reformation. While in Gladstone's cabinet as attorney general in 1894, he was knighted. Lord Russell was an ardent home ruler and a highly successful advocate.

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his income reaching as high as \$125,000 a year. It will be perhaps as the brilliant defender of Parnell against the London Times's Pigott forgeries, rather than as lord chief justice that he will go down to history.

A discovery of value to submarine divers, miners, firemen and others is believed to have been made by chemists of the French academy of science. Bioxide of sodium is found to possess the property of renewing the oxygen in air that has been breathed, and of absorbing carbonic acid given off. Thus a diver can remain under water and walk about without having the air renewed. Firemen, it is said, will be able to penetrate smoke without fear of asphyxiation.

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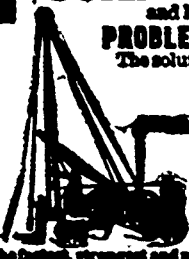
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