

Around the Globe.

The diplomatic situation in China is giving the authorities at Washington more trouble than the military. It seems that the position of Russia was well understood before the capture of Peking. There was a tacit agreement between all the powers, including the U.S., to withdraw from the Chinese capital as soon as the legations were relieved. Just what part the U.S. will play in the future of China has not been determined. American interests and citizens must be protected. This will of course be demanded, whatever course the other nations interested may take. The dismemberment of China is opposed by Russia, France, Austria and Italy. Germany claims that her interest is simply the re-establishment of security and regular conditions under a properly organized Chinese government and reparation for outrages committed. Japan and England are not saying much and it is hinted that these two nations would not be averse to the annexation of some Chinese territory. None of the powers have reached a final determination as to their future policy. Time is wanted for full communications between the home governments and the military and diplomatic representatives in China. Interrupted telegraphic communication makes this work necessarily slow. It is reported that the boxers are looting cities and otherwise doing much damage to people and property in many of the provinces of China. Where foreign troops are present this is prevented.

The war in South Africa drags wearily on. The attempt by Lord Roberts to capture the Boer army east of Pretoria has failed. The troops have withdrawn into the inaccessible country about Lydenburg, and although indications point to a speedy termination of the war these same signs have failed so often that the public is beginning to lose faith in them. Presidents Kruger and Steyn are reported to have gone to Barberton and the British officials think that they are preparing for flight. Gen Buller is still in the vicinity of the Crocodile mountains, where a large force of the Boers have concentrated. Gen Christian de Wet is still unconquered and is giving the English much trouble. Commandant Theron recently broke through the British lines, burned a supply train and took 35 prisoners.

The annual encampment of the G. A. R. at Chicago was marked by monster gatherings at all the public sessions. The opening at the Coliseum was attended by 13,000 people and many could not gain admission. The naval parade on Lake Michigan and the naval battle off Lincoln park were striking features, but the climax came in the grand review which occupied 4 1/2 hours, with 30,000 men in line. This reunion will rank as one of the most successful ever held. Judge Leo Rassieur, the new commander, is from St. Louis, and is very popular. He was chosen by acclamation without opposition.

Bresci, the anarchist, who killed King Humbert of Italy July 29, has been tried at Milan and sentenced to life imprisonment. At the trial he freely admitted that he committed the deed, expressed his indifference to imprisonment and stated that he would wait until the next revolution. The penalty is the most severe which can be imposed under the laws of Italy for murder. Had he been tried on the charge of treason, the penalty would have been death.

An epidemic of mob violence seems to be sweeping over the north. In addition to the anti-negro demonstrations in N. Y. a mob at Akron, O., attempted to lynch a negro prisoner. The deputy sheriff resisted their advances and in the riot that followed one boy was shot dead, a dozen persons were wounded and \$200,000 worth of property destroyed. In Chicago a mob collected and threatened the life of a negro suspected of a theft. If this disregard of law continues, the north will soon be as notorious as the south for inability to control mobs.

A splendid speaker has been added to the U.S. senate through the appointment by Gov. Shaw of Congressman Dollyer to succeed the late Senator Gear of Iowa. The new senator has made a national reputation in the low-

er house by his sterling integrity, remarkable energy and devotion to business-qualities that will make him a useful and valuable member of the senate.

The Alabama, queen of the navy and the greatest first-class battleship afloat, made 17 knots an hour on her trial trip off Boston harbor. The Iowa is the only American battleship of the first class that exceeded this record on her trial, and her record is but slightly better, 17.04.

Bills have been introduced into both houses of the Ky legislature to repeal or amend the Goebel election law. It is probable that the matter will not receive consideration until after some election system has been agreed upon by the democrats. This law is a disgrace to the state and was responsible for the murder of its author. Far-seeing democrats as well as republicans realize this and are anxious to have it taken off the books.

Gen Chaffee is slated for brigadier-general in the regular army. This order will go into effect on the retirement of Gen Joseph Wheeler. He will continue to hold the rank of major-general of volunteers while in command of troops in China.

Americans have again demonstrated their ability to successfully compete with the athletic champions of the old world. The Vesper boat club of Philadelphia easily won the senior eight championship at Paris under the auspices of the exposition. This was the only aquatic event in which the Americans competed.

The seriousness of grip is illustrated by an insurance exhibit at the Paris exposition, which shows that within a decade the disease has become of greater importance, from an insurance standpoint, than either smallpox or cholera. It attacks persons of all ages, the principal mortality falling upon policy holders between 60 and 80 years of age. Many deaths due to grip have been erroneously attributed to pneumonia.

The principal railroads and steamship companies of Canada have agreed to co-operate with the United States in keeping undesirable emigrants from being smuggled into the states by way of Canada. Now foreigners come by steamer to Quebec, and find it comparatively easy to get across the line. The steamship companies agree to deport emigrants destined for the United States through Canada who are rejected by our inspectors. The Canadian officials promise to prevent emigrants getting a railroad ticket that will take them into the states unless they can show that they have passed the United States inspectors.

The automobile has come to stay. Recognizing this and the importance of a better knowledge of these self-propelling vehicles, the Rose polytechnic institute of Terre Haute, Ind., will give much attention to the study of automobiles. A department has been equipped with tools and machinery for their examination and construction.

What to do with the Chinese Christians is a problem following the occupation of Peking. Many of them have attached themselves to missionaries and expect protection. The only feasible way out of the difficulty seems to be to protect them by treaty. It will be impracticable to remove them from China even were they willing to go. The suggestion that they be sent to Manila is not entirely practicable and the exclusion laws of the U.S. prevent their being brought here. The only solution seems to be that of arranging for their protection in their native country.

The epidemic of cholera in India is carrying off natives at the rate of 3000 per week. The trouble is due to pollution of the scanty water supply during the famine. It is much worse than the bubonic plague.

An interesting phase of the South African trouble is the appeal to Emperor William of 400 German subjects in Johannesburg. They ask redress against British military authority, which they claim is needlessly cruel. This case will probably make a test of the emperor's attitude toward England.

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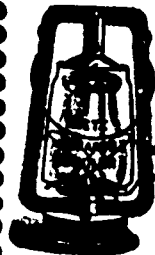
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