

Around the Globe.

THE CHINESE HORROR.

The conflict between the Chinese boxers and imperial troops on one side and the naval and military forces of the seven foreign nations on the other, continued a month without an official declaration of war; at least without any such declaration from the seven powers. Only through congress can our government declare war. The protection against lawless violence which China, by the law of nations and by specific treaties, is bound to afford our citizens, can and must be offered by our government if that of China cannot or will not perform its obligations. It is possible that the bombardment of the Chinese ports at Taku on June 18 was regarded by China as an act of war, and that the order issued the day following, calling upon the foreign legations to leave Peking within 24 hours, was the retaliation, a declaration of war. A dispatch from Admiral Kempfer held this bombardment to have been unnecessary and to have provoked the imperial troops to join the boxers in the later attacks upon European and American forces. Russian soldiers are accused of brutality and vandalism which tended to alienate the Chinese.

The powers have been "policing one another" in China. Should any one make a formal declaration of war against the empire, any territory it might seize and effectively occupy would fall to it by right of conquest. As all the powers are a unit in not wishing that any one of their number should seize any Chinese territory to the exclusion of the others, a formal state of public war is not to be expected as long as the present concert is maintained. Should any one power break away from the rest and begin a conquest of China on its own account, the protest from the others would be vigorous. The allies are, therefore, engaged ostensibly at present in "armed intervention" in China for the "re-establishment of order."

Great Britain and the United States are interested primarily in keeping China open to trade. The open door policy requires, furthermore, that the integrity of the Chinese empire be maintained. For if any one power were to gain a dominating influence in China it would be able to exclude other countries from the Chinese trade. It is the recognized policy of both France and Russia to establish prohibitive tariffs in their possessions. Hence the commercial interests of the United States and of Great Britain dictate that the Chinese empire be kept intact, in order that there may be no interference with their markets.

The head of the anti-foreign movement is Prince Tuan, father of the heir apparent, and to his murderous policy is attributed the most of the bloodshed. The empress dowager herself seems to have been overruled by Tuan. The southern provinces broke away from the empire, or from the tyranny of the new dictator, with Nankin as their capital.

An interesting episode was the appeal of Emperor William of Germany to the marines he sent to China, to avenge the murder of Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister at Peking. "The German flag has been insulted and the German empire treated with contempt. This demands exemplary punishment and vengeance." But he added later, "You will have to maintain good comradeship with all the other troops whom you will come in contact with over yonder. Russians, British and French, all alike, are fighting for one common cause—for civilization."

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, who was vice-president during Cleveland's last term, was nominated at Kansas City as Col William J. Bryan's running mate on the democratic ticket. A brief summary of the platform follows:

The paramount issue is declared to be imperialism, free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 taking a secondary place. "We hold that the constitution follows the flag." "We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home." Faith in the

Declaration of Independence as the "immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of man" is reaffirmed.

The Porto Rican tariff is denounced as a violation of law and of good faith, the first step in a colonial policy. The policy of the administration in the Philippines is condemned as the crushing of an effort toward self-government, and as unprofitable even from a trade point of view. "The Philippines cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization, they cannot be subjects without imperiling our form of government, and as we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the republic into an empire, we favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Filipinos, first, a stable form of government; second, independence, third, protection from outside interference, such as has been given for nearly a century to the republics of Central and South America."

"We are not opposed to territorial expansion," says the platform, "when it takes a desirable territory which can be reated into states of the Union, and whose people are willing and fit to become American citizens. We favor expansion by every peaceful and legitimate means." The principle of the Monroe doctrine is reaffirmed and the declaration of the republican platform in its favor denounced as insincere. Militarism is opposed, and a large standing army, the platform declaring the national guard should ever be cherished.

The platform pledges the party to an unceasing warfare against private monopoly in every form. "Existing laws against trusts must be enforced and more stringent ones must be enacted providing for publicity as to the affairs of the corporations engaged in interstate commerce and requiring all corporations to show, before doing business outside of the state of their origin, that they have no water in their stock, and that they have not attempted and are not attempting to monopolize any branch of the business or the production of any articles of merchandise, and the whole constitutional power of congress over interstate commerce, the mails and all modes of interstate communication should be exercised by the enactment of comprehensive laws upon the subject of trusts. Tariff laws should be amended by putting the products of trusts upon the free list to prevent monopoly under the plea of protection." "Corporations should be protected in all their rights, and their legitimate interests should be respected."

Brief paragraphs are devoted to the election of senators by popular vote, a department of labor in the president's cabinet, government construction and ownership of the Nicaragua canal, statehood for the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, and the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law. Sympathy is expressed for the Dutch of South Africa in their struggle for home rule.

NEW LINE TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Announcement is made of the opening for passenger business of the newly completed extension of the Santa Fe route to San Francisco, opening for freight business having been made several weeks ago. A new transcontinental line thus enters the field of business between the great California port and the east, so long monopolized by the one railroad, to which heretofore San Francisco and the other cities of central California have been restricted. A distinct benefit to trade and travel may confidently be expected to result in the form of better freight and passenger transportation. By this step also the Santa Fe road has materially added to its sources of revenue. It is the only railroad with track and trains under one ownership and management all the way from Chicago to San Francisco, as heretofore it has enjoyed that distinction between Chicago and Los Angeles and San Diego. The advantages resulting from such undivided responsibility are apparent, as it means uniformity of policy and prompt through service, which in a system of the high standing of the Santa Fe signify much to the traveler and the shipper.

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historic ruins, Indian pueblos, the Yosemite and the Grand canon of the Colorado river in Arizona are some of the features. Also an independent route is thus established through San Francisco to Hawaii, the Philippines and the Orient, on the freight traffic with which the Santa Fe has already secured a strong hold, and now proposes to reach out vigorously for the passenger travel.

Prohibitionists and McKinley—A striking feature of the national prohibition platform, adopted at the convention in Chicago, is an attack upon President McKinley. The platform says of the president, "that by his conspicuous example as a wine drinker at public banquets, and as a wine-serving host in the White House he has done more to encourage the liquor business, demoralize the temperance habits of young men and to bring Christian practices and requirements into disrepute than any other president this republic has had." The prohibitionist candidate for president is John G. Woolley of Illinois; for vice-president, Henry B. Metcalf of Rhode Island.

The Islands—The agricultural resources of the new island dependencies are to be developed to the utmost by the federal government. Congress set apart \$10,000, in the agricultural appropriation bill, for the establishment of an experiment station in Hawaii, and \$5000 for an investigation of the agricultural resources and possibilities of Porto Rico, with special reference to the selection of locations for experiment stations.

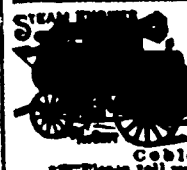
Personal—Rear Admiral John W. Philip, who died suddenly at his home in the Brooklyn navy yard, will be remembered for his words at Santiago during the destruction of Cervera's fleet: "Don't cheer, boys; the poor devils are dying." On the same occasion he made his men of the Texas pause and offer silent prayer to the God who gave them victory. Admiral Philip was a native of Kinderhook, N. Y., a graduate of the naval academy and served throughout the civil war.

Here and There—The most appalling loss of life known in the eastern states for several years was that resulting from the fire which burned the North German Lloyd docks at Hoboken, N. J. Three big steamships were burned and many of the crew and passengers with them—the Saale, the Main and the Bremen. Many smaller craft were destroyed besides. People on the docks perished, cut off by the sudden flames, which sprang from a bale of cotton. The property loss was several millions, and the loss of life estimated at 300.

The Boer envoys issued before their departure an address in which they say that their people "may in the end be defeated by overwhelming numbers, but that they never will be conquered." They say that they ask from us "nothing in the shape of direct or forcible intervention." All they ask is a public expression of sympathy.

England has its army hospital scandal, very much like that which stirred the United States deeply after the war in Cuba. Alleged neglect of the wounded and sick soldiers in the South African hospitals is laid by many at the door of Lord Roberts, the victorious general, whose campaign seemed to have turned the tide in the Boer war.

The heaviest rainfall on record occurred at Mobile, Ala. In the nine hours between 4 a m and 1 p m the rainfall measured 12.57 inches. Over 1 1/2 inches in nine hours beats the biggest rains in the foothills of the Himalayas or the Andes. No damage was reported.



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