

Around the Globe.

THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

The long anticipated advance upon Peking began about Aug 1, with 2000 American troops in the allied army of 14,000 men. In spite of the declaration of Li Hung Chang that if the troops advanced the Chinese must fight, this was deemed the only course to pursue. A message from Minister Conger, the second to come direct from him to Washington, announced that the legationers safe and well but provisions and ammunition low and the imperial government urging them to leave Peking, which they knew would mean certain death. That the government was in league with the boxers from the first appeared from the letter of the London Times's correspondent in Peking, Dr Morrison. This letter said the attacks on the legations ceased after the victory of the allies at Tientsin, and the government turned squarely about through fear and implored Queen Victoria and President McKinley for aid against the boxer uprising.

The first victory of the allied army on its way toward Peking was at Pei-tsang, Aug 5. The Americans who participated were the 9th and 14th regiments, Reilly's battery and the marines, in all about 2000. The British, American and Japanese forces worked together against one flank of the enemy and the Russians and French against the other. The signs pointed to a stubborn resistance all the way to Peking, with the probability that the prisoners in the British legation would be dead long before the march was over.

Personal—The new ambassador to Italy, who succeeds Gen William F. Draper, resigned, is Roger Wolcott, formerly governor of Massachusetts, and a man of culture, wealth and winning personal qualities.

John Clark Ridpath, author of several histories and biographies and for a time the editor of the Arena magazine at Boston, died in New York aged 60. His home was in Greencastle, Ind; and he was a native of that state. He was prominent many years as an educator in Indiana, being at the head of several large institutions of learning.

Queen Victoria's second son, the late duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, was very popular as a sailor prince in the navy, but he lost favor with the English people when, succeeding to his German duchy through his German father, he sought to have his pension of \$125,000 a year from the British treasury continued. The amount was reduced to \$50,000 a year. The duke, whose name had been Prince Alfred Alexander William Ernest Albert, was born Aug 6, 1844, and in 1874 married Princess Marie, the only daughter of Alexander II of Russia. Among his experiences while in the navy were a visit to the United States and a bullet wound from an assassin in Australia. His successor to the duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha is his son, the duke of Albany, who will not be of age till 1905, therefore his son-in-law will be the regent until that time.

North Carolina follows South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana in adopting a constitutional amendment which means the disfranchising of most of the negroes. At the recent state election an amendment was ratified providing that the qualifications for voting in North Carolina on and after July 1, 1902, shall be a residence of two years in the state, six months in the county, four months in the ward or precinct; the payment of poll tax; the ability to "read and write any section of the constitution in the English language." The most notable feature of the amendment, however, is the clause which saves ignorant whites from disfranchisement by providing that no male who was entitled to vote previous to Jan 1, 1867, and no lineal male descendant of such a voter shall be denied the franchise, provided he registers on or before Nov 1, 1908. After that date illiterate whites, if any remain, will be on a level with the blacks.

Brockway Out—The reformatory at Elmira, N Y, loses the warden whose methods have made him an object of national interest, the new trustees appointed by Gov Roosevelt having forced him to resign. Z R Brockway, the retiring warden, is now an old man,

having been at the head of this institution many years. It is his theory that after the commission of certain crimes the criminal should not be set at liberty until he has given indications that he will try and live within the law. Under his plan the younger criminals, especially those whose crimes were committed thoughtlessly or under unusual temptation, have an opportunity to learn self-restraint, and a prospect of going out after a moderate term fit to be decent citizens. Deliberate or hardened criminals undergo a severe training, physical and moral, which is thoroughly distasteful and has provoked much opposition, especially from the criminal class. The Brockway system has had the indorsement of those who make prison methods a study.

Two Kings—The new king of Italy, Victor Emmanuel III, the only son of Humbert, differs from his father in being small, delicate and a scholar. The young man's character and ability are praised in the highest terms by those who know him. The kindness of King Humbert was proverbial. His fierce martial aspect and his passion for things military covered a most amiable nature. King Emmanuel is said to be as unapproachable as his father was approachable, being sensitive on account of his physical inferiority. He is a general in the army, and is assiduous in his devotion to military duties. He was born Nov 11, 1869, and in 1896 married the Princess Helene, a daughter of Prince Nicolas of Montenegro. The new queen is said to have been pronounced the most beautiful woman at Queen Victoria's jubilee. The late King Humbert succeeded to the throne in 1878 on the death of his father, Victor Emanuel. His reign was distinguished chiefly by the entrance of his kingdom into the triple alliance with Germany and Austria. He was born March 14, 1814, and fought in the war for the unity of Italy. He married a cousin, Margherita, daughter of the duke of Genoa.

The Islands—The prosecution of E. G. Rathbone follows that of Neely, for postal frauds in Cuba. Rathbone was formerly director-general of posts in the island, and in spite of two increases in salary he swindled the government. The Neely defalcation is estimated now at \$130,000 to \$150,000. Rathbone drew \$5 a day fraudulently, stole a thousand dollars or more, and charged many of his personal expenses to the government.

Cuba is to have home rule soon, in accordance with our national pledge. A constitutional convention for which delegates are to be chosen on Sept 15, will be held in the fall. The recent orderly and intelligent voting at the municipal elections convinced the government of the readiness of the island for autonomy.

The civil service rules operative in the states and territories have been applied to Hawaii and Porto Rico.

The Government is buying real estate, in the shape of two little islands of the Philippine group left out by mistake from the original bargain with Spain. They are very small, cost \$50,000 apiece, and are named Cibitu and Cagayan.

The Semi-Centennial of California's admission into the Union next month will be one of the finest pageants ever seen in the state. A parade of various orders of Native Sons, which will take place on Sept 10, will be the main event of the four days' celebration. The feature of this parade will be the number of floats representing scenes in early California history. Among those who will be in line will be several survivors of the original "Bear Flag" party.

The national law requiring all freight cars to be equipped with automatic couplings, in order to check the slaughter of brakemen, went into effect the other day. The grand total will not be far from 1,500,000 cars. It is thought at least 1,000,000 cars have been equipped with the automatic couplers, and before the end of the year every railroad will have all its cars fitted up with these couplers. The work has extended over a number of years.

Invalid (to sympathizing caller): "My dear, I have lost nearly all my hair." Child: "I know where it is, mamma; I saw it in your dressing table drawer."

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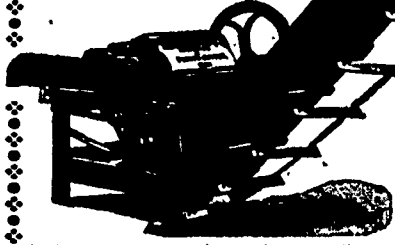
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