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## NOW FOR WAR.

By reference to today's telegrams it will be seen that the department at Washington has received indisputable evidence that the recent telegram from Pekin purporting to be signed by Minister Conger was a fake perpetrated by the Chinese telegraph director, who has in his possession copies of the state department cipher, and the reply was faked for the purpose of longer concealing the fact that Conger has been massacred as it is now certain he has been.

Loath as the U. S. government has been to go to war, in conjunction with the other powers, against the Chinese, there is now no other alternative. The insults heaped and atrocities committed are such as can be atoned for only in bloodshed, and the sooner the avenging sword is unsheathed the better it will be for the safety of any surviving foreigners that may yet be on Chinese soil. There will be no more delay, but America will act with the other powers and a plan of action determined upon. The fact that 12,000 men are being sent as an advance guard is conclusive evidence that decisive action will be the order of the campaign against the benighted power.

The war with China will be a most unfortunate one, as it cannot do other than involve in strife and jealousies the nations which are forced to take up the common cause and fight that a common wrong may be avenged. That the Chinese empire will be dissolved and wiped from the face of the earth there is not a doubt; but while that is being done, and after it is done and the spoils of war are to be divided, strifes will be engendered which may possibly cause the echoes of war to resound for many years to come. But as the English speaking nations are sure to stand together to the end, the balance of power will be on their side and the remaining powers of the earth combined can not overcome them.

The recent trouble in New Orleans is but another sample of the southern spirit, or disease or whatever it may be termed. Northern papers will call it a Southern outrage, and that is probably an appropriate name for it. But the fact remains that it is the result of race prejudice which time will not efface nor condition blot out. It is not a climatic malady peculiar to the south, for the same almost equal division of the races would produce the same outbreaks in another part of the United States. Caucasian blood resents the intrusion of the African, which is but natural. Anyone familiar with the south and southern customs will substantiate the assertion that the negro who keeps his place rarely, if ever, gets into trouble. On the other hand, when he encroaches where he does not belong he finds trouble. Yet for all this, the white man of the south is and always has been the negro's friend. They stay by him when he is in the right and kill him when he goes wrong.

Be it good or bad form, it is evident from notes sounded in the citizens' meeting last night that the governor general will not escape from this place without having several voluminous tales of woe poured into his ears if he will deign to listen, otherwise they will be hurled at him. The people of the Yukon do not take kindly to longer

submitting their necks to the wheels of jaugernaut's car, and as there is an opportunity for making complaint by word of mouth, and without the necessity of taking chances of a petition being lost in transit or garbled and possibly destroyed without being presented after reaching Ottawa, they propose to embrace it regardless of the conventional rules of hospitality. It is but proper that his excellency should be made acquainted with conditions as they exist, and not be allowed to carry away with him the false impression that here everything is lovely, while in reality the Yukon district is today a seething cauldron of discontent which borders almost on disloyalty. The worm has turned and, instead of endeavoring to smooth matters over with folderol and goose grease, the true and exact state of affairs should be presented to the distinguished visitor in all their naked deformity that his sympathy and aid may be enlisted in behalf of right and justice.

Very few new arrangements for mine working during the coming season are now being made by other than mine owners and those having long time lays. Few, if any, lays are being taken for the reason that the lay system as it has been operated in the district has proven a dismal failure. Four in every five laymen have signally failed for the very good reason that the percentage allowed them has not been sufficient to defray the expenses of conducting the work. Until the present lay system is materially revised a large amount of property will remain undeveloped. Like the prospector, the layman has been driven from the field.

If by some strategy the distinguished personages soon to visit Dawson could be induced to walk across the bridge leading to Klondike City where they would be held up for 50 cents for the round trip, it would bring forcibly to the royal attention the necessity of having a free bridge over the Klondike.

Some cities have annuals such as mid-winter fairs, rose carnivals, ice carnivals, etcetera; but Dawson has her annual fall hangings.

### Died With His Boots On.

Virgil Earp, the third of the four Earp brothers, Warren, Julian, Virgil and Wyatt, "died with his boots on" at Wilcox, Ariz., recently. He was shot through the heart in a saloon by Cowboy Johnny Boyett. There had been bad blood between Earp and Boyett for years, growing out of a feud between the Earp boys and the cattle rustlers. Not long ago Earp met Boyett, and pressing a six-shooter against his stomach, made him promise that if they ever quarreled again there would be a killing. The killing which he wanted took place this morning.

The two men met in a saloon and Earp began to abuse Boyett, finally saying: "Boyett, go get your gun and we will settle this thing right here. I've got my gun; go get yours." Boyett left, and when he returned Earp advanced and throwing open his coat said: "Boyett, I'm unarmed. You've all the best of this." Boyett warned Earp not to come nearer, but Earp did not heed his words, and Boyett fired, killing Earp instantly.

The feud between the rustlers and the Earp boys began in the 80's at Tombstone, when a large number of government horses were stolen by cowboys. They were tracked to the McLow ranch by soldiers and the Earp boys and lost there. Earp said the cowboys ran them off, and his statement to this effect started the bad feeling.

Several killings have grown out of it, a notable one being that of Frank Stillwell at Tucson depot by Wyatt Earp. In 1883 even the people of Tombstone refused to tolerate the presence of the Earp "gang" any longer and they were ordered to move.

After a little altercation, resulting in the sudden death of Warren Earp, the family withdrew to the Gunnison country, where for a year and a half they continued their career.

Their sister, Jessie Earp, fell in love with Ike Clanton in the Gunnison and ran away with him. The three ran down Clanton and their sister in a mine tunnel. The miners demanded that Clanton be given a chance for his life, and Julian took up the challenge and was shot dead by Clanton.

Two years later Virgil and Wyatt found their sister in Colorado and killed her husband on his own doorstep.

Virgil Earp killed three men in one day in a Colorado camp, and Wyatt by

leading a fake pursuit got him safely away. Virgil and Wyatt have drifted apart of late years. Wyatt was referee of the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey prize fight in San Francisco in 1896.—New York World.

### Missouri Murder Trial.

New London, Mo., July 19.—Interest in the Jester trial is increasing. Letters and telegrams have been received inquiring about the defendant and his alleged victim. It is said that if Jester is acquitted he will travel and exhibit himself. The state has traced Jester through Kansas and Missouri, and today is following him through Illinois. Senator Sylvester Allen, of Scott county, Ill., testified that in 1871, when he resided near Naples, Ill., Alexander Jester stopped at his house over night. He was driving one team and leading the other. Senator Allen said that Jester attracted his attention by his peculiar demeanor. He would not sleep in the house, but slept in his wagon.

Herman Hofferkamp, who was in the livery business at Springfield, Ill., said that in 1871 Jester and his teams stopped at his barn and stayed there about one week. When he departed he left a very intelligent shepherd dog, which the witness said he kept. This is supposed to be the dog that belonged to Gilbert Gates.

Hart W. Dunham testified that in 1871 Alexander Jester sold three buffalo hides to a man named A. Dennis, of Decatur, Ill., who is now dead. Dennis took the hides to Dunham's father to be tanned. The hides were put into the vat. Some time after M. Gates came along on the track of Jester, who, he alleged, had killed his son. The hides were examined and blood was found on the hairy side of one of them. The theory is that this was the blood of Gilbert W. Gates.

This afternoon Mrs. Josephine Clark testified that one day in January, 1871, she saw a man with two wagons and a buffalo calf pass her home on a by-road, in Monroe county, and in the front wagon she noticed the form of a man lying upon the floor. She saw the face of a man sticking out of the covering of the wagon. Mrs. Clark made a strong witness for the state. The defense tried to break down her testimony, but without much success.

### Humorous.

New Teacher—"Next boy, what's your name?" Boy—"William, ma'am."

"What is your other name?" "Scrappy Bill."—Philadelphia Record.

"What do you think of the census?" asked Mr. Beechwood. "It is a questionable proceeding," replied Mr. Homewood.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"It's the little things that worry us in this world," said the theoretical man. "Yes," replied the practical man; "especially little women, little dogs and little fleas."—Ally Sloper.

"That mob scene was handled with splendid effect," said the critic. "O, yes," replied the manager. "You, see, we hire the villain's creditors to go in on that scene."—Philadelphia North American.

"I flatter myself I have some aptitude for nailing lies," said the ambitious orator. "Very good," said the chairman of the campaign committee. "But what we want particularly is an aptitude for nailing the truth."—Detroit Journal.

"No," said the fair girl, "it's no use. You don't come up to my ideal." "Perhaps not," he answered. "But I don't care if I can only get anywhere near my own." "Your own?" she answered. "What is your ideal?" "You," he whispered.—Answers.

"I am going to sea," the young man said, and paused. The young girl gasped, "O! Harry—Mr. Timmid. She could not conceal the tears in her voice. Then he knew what he had feared to ask in so many words. "I am going to see—he repeated—"your father tonight, if you will give me permission."—Philadelphia Press.

A man on Columbia avenue, who is baldheaded, wrote to an eastern concern asking particulars as to its hair restorer and treatment for the hair. He received an answer saying to send a lock of his hair and it would be analyzed and particulars as to the kind of treatment it needed sent. That settled it, so far as he was concerned.—Indianapolis News.

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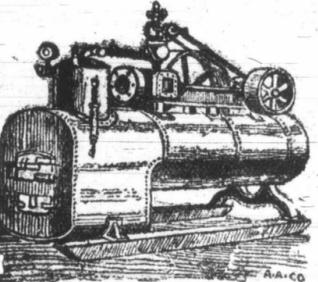
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