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KING HUMBERT MOURNED; KING VICTOR WELCOMED.

There Will Be No Friction Over Succession in Italy—The King Mourned—The Pope Grief-Stricken.

Rome, July 31—A proclamation from the queen regent has arrived announcing the ascension of the new king and stating that parliament will be convoked after the funeral.

Several warships have started to meet King Victor.

It is reported that Emperor William will attend the funeral.

The Socialists and Anarchists have issued a formal condemnation of the crime.

The Avants, the Socialist organ, accused the government of being the indirect assassin of the king, because of a mistaken policy of dealing with Socialists.

The Tribuna, in a special edition, denies that a temporary regency will be established. The ministry De Jure has resigned.

The pope's grief is unmistakable. Assurances have been conveyed to the government that the Vatican will discourage any attempt to embarrass the ministry.

Touching Scenes.

Monza, July 30—It appeared that when King Humbert was wounded he exclaimed: "It is nothing." The royal carriage covered the distance between the gymnasium and the palace.

When Queen Margherita arrived at the villa it was still hoped that the king would survive, and when the truth was broken to her, a heartrending scene ensued.

doors of the palace except one. The members of the diplomatic corps all went this morning to the foreign office to tender their condolences.

All Flags at Half Mast.

Rome, July 30—Telegrams from all the towns and villages of Italy show that all the country deeply mourns the death of the king.

How the Pope Heard of It.

Brera is young, tall and swarthy. It appears that he remained four days in Pisto and two days at Bologna, after which he came here.

Germany Mourns a Friend.

Spain Indignant.

Another Welland Sensation.

Terrible Disaster in a Squall off Cape Breton—None Saved.

Colon, July 30—The British cruiser Prosperine arrived at Colon today.

Aguilar Campo, minister of foreign affairs, called later. The assassination has caused the greatest indignation throughout Spain.

The Courtesy of France.

Ready to Pardon or to Help.

Expressions of Grief.

An American Gun.

To Swear Fidelity.

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HUNGRY INDIA.

The Viceroy Reports on the Condition of His Charge.

London, July 30—The following despatch from the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, to the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, was received today.

Missionary Report Hopeful.

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HOW THE REBELS LOST.

They Declined to Obey Any Orders.

WILLING TO FIGHT.

Objected to Restrain—Refused to Intrench, and When the Government Troops Were Sighted the Panama Rebels Charged for Them—Slaughtered by Rifle Fire.

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A PICNICER'S BODY

Found Beneath a Bridge—Believed He Fell in the Dark.

Merigomish, July 30—The body of a man, apparently about 30 years of age, was found in the river here beneath the railway bridge Sunday evening.

St. Peter's, C. B., July 30—During a terrific squall Saturday afternoon a schooner of about 80 tons was seen to upset and founder off Fourchu with all hands.

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A RETIREMENT RUMORED.

Said in Ottawa Hercher Will Leave the Police.

Ottawa, July 30—(Special)—It is stated here tonight that Commissioner Hercher is to be retired from the commission.

Latest Details.

Monza, July 30—Few additional details of the terrible tragedy are available.

RIOT IN THE STEERAGE.

The Montford Sends Some Passengers to Jail.

A JEW STABBED.

There was Trouble During the Voyage and Almost Murder—Put Into St. John's to Get Fish for the Finlanders Who Threatened to Strike.

Quebec, July 30—The Stmr. Montford arrived at Levis at 1 o'clock this p. m. with 1,080 passengers composed of Icelanders, Jews and Italians.

SULLIVAN HAS HIS BELT.

Sullivan Has His Belt.

New York, July 30—Counsel for John L. Sullivan appeared before Magistrate Mayo today and said that as Sullivan's championship belt had been returned to him, suit against the concern which had held it would be dismissed.

A Wire Mill Starts.

Juliet, Ill., July 30—The mill of the Independent Juliet Wire Company resumed operations today after a long period of idleness.

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A Despatch to the London Morning Post Says the Legationers Are Safe—The United States Will Not Stop Military Preparations—The German Emperor Orders No Quarter to Be Given by His Troops.

London, July 28. A. m.—Mr. Lyman J. Gage's statement that there is still hope, but it is constantly diminishing, is held here to define accurately the situation. The Chinese minister in London, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng, Loh, yesterday received a telegram from Sheng, director of railways and telegraphs, to the effect that an imperial decree, in the following terms, was issued on July 24:

"It is fortunate that all the foreign representatives, except Baron Von Ketteler, are found in safety and unharmed. Provisions in the shape of foodstuffs, vegetables and fruits will be supplied to the legations in order to show our courtesy."
The Morning Post goes so far as to assert that there is now no direct communication between the Chinese authorities in Peking and London and that the ministers are safe. However, this may be, it is quite certain that the attempts of the French, Italian and other courts to get direct replies from Peking have utterly failed and it is pointed out that the ability to supply the legations with fruit and vegetables involves the conclusion that communication is not impeded by the Boers.

Killed Three Men and Fatally Wounded Four More—Smoked From His Hiding-Place—Used a Winchester Rifle.

New Orleans, July 27.—After a desperate battle, lasting for several hours, in which he succeeded in killing Sergeant Gabriel Porteous, Andy VanKura, keeper of the police jail and Alfred J. Bloomfield, a young boy, fatally wounding Corporal John P. Kelly, and severely wounding Frank H. Evans, A. S. Lecter, one of the leading contractors of the city, and more or less seriously wounding several other persons, the desperado, Robert Charles, who killed Captain Day and Patrolman Lamb and badly wounded Officer Mora, was smoked out of his hiding place in the heart of the residence section of the city and literally shot to pieces.

The tragedy was one of the most remarkable in the history of the city and 20,000 people gathered around the square in which Charles was shot to death. The news of the execution of Robert Charles in New Orleans as the battle went on between police and citizens and the negro with his Winchester. After the tragedy was over statements were made that the man killed was not really the desperado who killed Day and Lamb, but papers found on his person and the fact that he fought so desperately for his life and shot so accurately the police officers, led to the belief that the right man was put to death.

Sergeant Gabriel Porteous, one of the best known police officers and the brother of John P. Kelly, who has a fine record for bravery, were informed during the day by a messenger that he was hiding in a house on Clio street. Determining to take him alive if possible, the officers summoned a number of men and proceeded to the house where Charles was supposed to be in concealment. The negro informed them that he was in the house and that he would enter the side alley of the house and would be surprised in practically the next moment. The police officers, who were already aware of their danger, Charles, who was hidden behind a screen on the second floor of the building, raised his Winchester and started a furious but accurate fire. The police officers, who were standing by his side, when Charles appeared at the window, did not hesitate to shoot him. Charles immediately fired his Winchester and the bullets whizzed about the officers. He left the scene after quickly performing the duties of a dead officer. At this time the police officers were in the alley and the desperado shot at them. The desperado, who was hit and mortally wounded, was hit and mortally wounded. He was hit and mortally wounded. He was hit and mortally wounded. He was hit and mortally wounded.

Fifty Legal Lights Entertained by the Judges and Lawyers of England.

London, July 27.—Some fifty leaders of the American bench and bar were this evening entertained by the judges and lawyers of England in Middle Temple Hall, United States Ambassador Choate said after the banquet that it was the "greatest compliment ever paid to the American bar."

The Hand Compositors Want as Much as the Machine Men.

Ottawa, July 27.—(Special)—The Ottawa Typographical Union is still negotiating for an increase of wages for printers at the printing bureau and George Dwyer, one of the officials of the International Typographical Union, along with C. S. O. Bourdant and P. M. Draper of the local union waited on the secretary of state today. The request of the union is that hand compositors at the bureau be paid \$15 per week, the same as the machine men. The hand compositors are now getting \$12 per week. Hon. Mr. Scott was heard to consider the matter when he returned.

A Lot of Material to Use on the Newfoundland Discoveries.

North Sydney, July 27.—(Special)—Twenty tons of piping and a large quantity of machinery for the oil company operating the newly discovered areas at Port au Port, Newfoundland, arrived here yesterday. Part of the machinery and another cargo of coal will be sent on next week. Mr. Andrews left today for Montreal on business for the company.

Sir M. B. Daly, His Wife and Daughter Recipients of Handsome Tokens.

Halifax, July 27.—(Special)—There was an interesting presentation in the legislative council chamber this afternoon, the recipient being Sir M. B. Daly, retiring lieutenant-governor of the province, Lady and Miss Daly. The presentation speech was made by Mayor Hamilton in the presence of a large number of prominent citizens, and the gifts were made on behalf of friends in the city and province of Sir M. B. Daly, Lady and Miss Daly. The gifts consisted of a magnificent dressing case, each piece of the set contained in the case was silver-mounted and bore the lieutenant-governor's crest and the name of the donor. The gifts to Lady Daly was a very handsome diamond star pendant with chain attached, and to Miss Daly a diamond ring.

A Doctor Drowned.

Kingston, Ont., July 27.—(Special)—Dr. R. F. Carmichael, house surgeon of the Kingston general hospital, son of Rev. James Carmichael, of Kingston, Ont., was drowned in Kingston harbor tonight. In company with Miss Pearl Odrieva, Dr. Carmichael was out in a canoe listening to a concert by the 14th Regimental Band. In some unknown manner the canoe was upset and the occupants thrown into the water. Miss Odrieva was saved, but Dr. Carmichael sank to rise no more. The body was not recovered up to midnight.

Every German has been filled with pride, continued his majesty. "To learn that the highest praise bestowed upon German warriors has come from the mouths of foreign leaders. The task before you is a great one. That a people like the Chinese should cast to the winds international rights a thousand years old and treat with scorn the sanctity of an ambassador and the rights of hospitality in a manner so horrible is unprecedented in the history of the world. Every civilization not founded on Christianity is bound to be brought to naught."
"So I send you out. May you all prove your German efficiency, devotion and bravery, bear joyfully all discomforts and hardships of the East, and remember this: If you close your eyes, you will remember this: sin is nobody. Make no prisoners. Use your weapons so far as for a thousand years hence no human oil dare look upon the Chinese as a German. Open the way for civilization once for all."
The address concluded as follows: "The blessing of the Lord be with you. The prayers of the whole people will accompany you in all your ways. My best wishes for yourselves and for the success of your arms will ever follow you."
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Princess Tuan Reported Killed.
London, July 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing yesterday, said: "It is reported here that a large section of the Boxers have revolted against Princess Tuan, alleging that he is making tools of them for his own purposes. A desperate conflict took place outside of Peking Sunday. Princess Tuan personally led his followers, two of his generals having deserted him."
"The battles lasted several hours and Princess Tuan was defeated and killed."
The Ministers Alive.
London, July 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Trustworthy information, which reached me today (Friday) convinces me that all the ministers except Baron Von Ketteler, are still alive."
"Some of the European survivors are leaving Peking."
Chinese Refused the Test.
Hong Kong, July 27.—In order to test the Chinese assurances regarding the safety of the legations, the Italian consul yesterday requested the acting viceroy of Canton to communicate with the viceroy of the province, Margus Salgado Raggi, and obtain a reply from him concerning a matter known only to the minister and the consul.
Today the acting viceroy replied that it was impossible for him to accede to the request as all messages were received from Peking through the government of Shan Tung secretly. For this reason he was compelled to refuse.

German Transport from Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, July 27.—The steamer Bosnia, of the Hamburg-American line, has been ordered to carry passengers to the Kaiser's troops, left port today for San Francisco. She has in her hold over 8,000 tons of coal, a record-breaking cargo in itself, and when she reaches the Pacific coast, it is said, she will ship at least 1,500 horses for the use of the German cavalry in China.

They've Got Money, Too.
Washington, July 27.—In speaking today of the ability of the treasury to stand large additional drafts in case of war, with China, Secretary Gage said he had no doubt that the treasury could maintain in the field an army of 75,000 additional men for at least a year without feeling the strain.

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Washington, July 27.—Unless some authentic assurance as to the condition of the Americans in Peking reaches the state department within a day or two, the administration is likely to abandon whatever faith it has manifested thus far in the truthfulness of Chinese information. The Chinese minister is confident that within that time there will be news from Peking of a character to satisfy the most skeptical as to its accuracy and its most confident that this will be good news from the American point of view. The contributions of the day were from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai and Consul Taylor at Chefoo. The cables named these messages and there is reason to doubt the value of the information attempted to be conveyed through them.

That Same "Persistent Report."
Brussels, July 27.—The Belgian vice-consul at Tien Tsin, in a despatch dated July 26, says:
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AN IMMIGRATION BUILDING.
The Grand Trunk Will Build One for American Immigrants at Leeds.

Quebec, July 27.—(Special)—The Grand Trunk railway authorities have decided to improve the facilities at Point Levis for the permanent examination of immigrants destined for the United States. Hitherto the United States commissioners have been compelled to put up with most crowded and inconvenient quarters and have had the utmost difficulty in doing the work properly. The G. T. R. will erect buildings large enough to comfortably house all immigrants bound for the United States, so that in future the United States commissioners will be able to conduct the regular examination in their own building without being hampered by the presence of immigrants with whom they have nothing to do.

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Robert Woodill.
Halifax, July 27.—(Special)—Robert Woodill, aged 83, died suddenly last night or early this morning from heart disease. He was found dead in his room this morning. At tea time last evening, Mr. Woodill said to his daughter, Mrs. Graham, with whom he resided, that he did not feel as well as usual. This morning when his daughter entered his room she found his lifeless body. Mr. Woodill was a member of the Halifax family of that name. He leaves two daughters and nieces, one of the latter being Mrs. J. C. Mahon. He was a saddler by trade and carried on a business for years. Subsequently he was appointed city hall weigher. It was only on Wednesday that Mr. Woodill attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Neal, who died at Moncton, and was buried here last arrangements for the funeral having been made by Mr. Woodill.

H. G. Redding.
St. Stephen, July 27.—Mr. H. G. Redding, of Calais, died suddenly this morning, presumably from heart failure as parties had been speaking to him within an hour previous to his death body being discovered on the road leading to White-lock's wharf in Calais.

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A Social Star in Washington Society.

Mrs. Wu, the wife of the Chinese minister, takes a prominent part in society and directs the domestic affairs of her husband's legation.

On July 21, the rebels occupied the city from the Coleridge station in the outskirts of Panama.

The good offices of the British consul were accepted, but the government finally decided to defend the city to the last.

At 3 p. m. July 22, the conference having terminated and the truce being at an end, the rebel cannon opened fire.

All day Tuesday the battle raged furiously. Fighting went on in the very streets of the city, especially in Santa Ana park, in the very heart of Panama.

There was no fighting during the day-time of July 23, but it resumed at 8 p. m., and the rest of cannon and rifles was heard all night.

Cheng Yen Hoon, the dandy of the Orient, who was still a bachelor when he acted as ambassador to the United States.

New York, July 26.—From early dawn hundreds of afflicted persons, old and young men and women, journeyed through the pouring rain to the shrine of St. Anne.

The Colombian Liberals Make Terms.

Colon, July 27.—The Liberal rebellion in this department has ended after the sacrifice of more than six hundred lives.

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SUSSEX NEWS.

Bank Corner Stone—Injunction to Stop Building—Colors for the 74th—Summer Visitors.

Sussex, July 27.—The members of the Sussex Fire Sports intend holding a big day's sports on September 3rd, Labor Day.

The Earl of Kimberley hoped the government would devote the remainder of the session to seeing that everything possible was done to put the country in a condition of safety.

Stirling Discoveries in Pajarito Canon, N.M.—Building Containing 1,200 Rooms Unearthed.

New York, July 26.—It is reported that startling discoveries have been made by Dr. George L. Cote and Pay C. Cote, of Los Angeles, Cal., and the Rev. G. S. Maddox, of Bland, who arrived at Santa Fe, N. M., yesterday.

Georgetown, Ky., July 27.—Sergeant F. Wharton, Golden, the prosecution's star witness, was placed in the witness box today in the trial of Charles Powers, charged as complicity in the assassination of Governor G. W. Wallace.

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Springfield, July 26.—Charles Mohammed, who claims to be a son of the Sultan of Morocco, a 32-year-old man, and member of the class of 1891 at Princeton, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness in the police court this morning.

Russia and China.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—The Russian general staff has received news from Aiguon on the Amur river, of the burning by Chinese of an encampment there occupied by Russians.

Word was received by the police yesterday from the authorities of Chatham, N. B., to arrest one Angus Buckley, in connection with some stealing at Chatham.

Death Bolt from Above.

Waterville, Me., July 27.—William Lessor, a farmer of Sidway, aged 31 years, was struck by lightning during a shower Wednesday and killed.

Four Missionaries Murdered.

London, July 28.—The Daily Express has the following from Che Foo dated July 27:

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Managua, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Texas, July 27.—President Zelaya today presented to General Calderon of Savanah, arbitrator in the boundary dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, a gold medal in recognition of his services in connection with the arbitration.

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Did you have an interesting time at the club, Flo? The girl who was to recite 'The Absent-Minded Beggar' forgot she was on the programme. (Chicago Record.)

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Report Missionaries Killed.

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Ottawa, July 27.—(Special)—The term of Lieutenant General Daly, of Nova Scotia, was extended to the second week of August when it is understood that Hon. A. G. Jones will be appointed to succeed him.

To Tour India.

Montreal, July 27.—The Star special cable from London says Lord and Lady Mount Stephen proceed to Bombay in October to visit Lord and Lady Northcote. They will tour through India.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE. Owing to the considerable number of communications as to the mismanagement of letters...

FACTS FOR SUBSCRIBERS. Without exception, names of no new subscribers will be entered until the money is received.

THE PAPER HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

AUTHORIZED AGENTS. The following Agents are authorized to canvass and collect for the Semi-Weekly Telegraph...

MR. T. W. RAINSFORD, Traveling Agent for the Daily and Weekly Telegraph is now in Charlotte County. Subscribers are asked to pay their subscription to him when he calls.

IMMIGRATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK. The letter which we published the other day from Mr. W. A. Hickman...

WOMEN'S FEET. A person does not require to be very old to remember the time when it was thought on this side of the Atlantic...

THE CENSUS. The Sun appears to be worried over the report that has been published that Mr. Archibald Blue, director to the Ontario Bureau of Mines...

responsible for this and deserves the credit attributed to him by the Sun for it, for the government and the minister of agriculture might have something to say in regard to this matter.

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YOUR MONEY BACK IF DISSATISFIED. GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO., ST. JOHN, N. B. King Street, Corner Germain.

that the Chinese are extremely anxious to prevent any European advance upon Peking. It looks as if the statements that are put forth in regard to the safety of the Europeans in Peking were made simply for the purpose of preventing any action being taken by the powers towards an invasion of their country.

likely to arise in the near future in connection with the triple alliance, which will test the stonemanship of the young king. For many years past France and Italy have been kept apart by this alliance, yet European statesmen have always contemplated that the time might come when they would become allies, and in that case Germany would have no other support in Europe except Austria.

As to the assassination itself there can be no language too strong to characterize its iniquity. King Humbert was in the prime of life, and might have ruled his country for another quarter of a century, yet he is suddenly cut off in the period of his great usefulness by the hand of an assassin. Such an assassination as this seems impossible to be guarded against.

The St. John Daily Sun continues to attack the management of the Intercolonial Railway because it has a traffic arrangement with the Grand Trunk, and says that the people of Canada know that all the freight for export that the Grand Trunk can control goes out by way of a foreign port. The people of Canada have been aware of this for a long time, because Portland has been the terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway on the Atlantic for upwards of forty years.

From the mass of rumors that have been given to the public during the past few days in regard to the situation in China, it seems almost impossible to construct a rational theory of the present position of affairs in that country. No sooner is a statement made than it is promptly contradicted, and the reader is left utterly in the dark as to what is the truth, the most contradictory statements having been issued from Chinese official sources.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

The protest of the American miners who are objecting to the provisional boundary between Alaska and Canada, which is now being laid down, is not receiving very much sympathy from the American press. The papers are pointing out that the line now being laid out is merely a temporary one for the purpose of preventing conflicts of authority between the officials of the two nations, and that it has been agreed upon by the two governments as a measure necessary for the preservation of good order.

The Position of the Family Physician

In the household is usually more intimate than that of the most of one's relatives. Everybody in the house has confidence in what he says, and he studies the family's best interests in all matters pertaining to their health.

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A pamphlet explaining the many uses of this fine preparation will be mailed free on application to the Abbey Effervescent Salt Co., Limited, Montreal. For sale by all druggists, 25c and 60c a bottle.

The General Chinese Situation is Steadily Darkening—Minister Wu is Convinced that the Legationnaires are Safe—Some Others Support Him But Proof is What is Wanted—Reports of Slaughter of Thousands.

London, July 30, 4.15 a. m.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he is still firmly convinced that the legationnaires are safe, but, with the exception of an alleged message from the Japanese legation in Peking, dated July 19, brought by a runner, saying that the legation was still defending itself, nothing has yet been published giving anything in the nature of proof.

On the other hand the daily increasing reports of the massacre of missionaries and foreigners leave only the most slender thread upon which to hang a hope. The general opinion is steadily becoming darker and a crisis is said to be fast approaching. It is rumored in Shanghai that 10,000 Chinese troops have been ordered to move into that vicinity and that the commander of the Kiang Yu forts has been ordered to fire if any further advance is made to the number of foreign ships ascending the river. Rioting has also occurred at Kio Kiang, the mobs threatening death to foreigners.

With the arrival of the second Japanese division the allied forces of Taku and Tien Tsun will number 70,000. The river floods near Tien Tsun are diminishing. It is reported that Russians from Harbin have arrived at a point 150 miles north of Peking after severe fighting. The Shanghai correspondent of the Times yesterday says: "It is clear that Li Ping Hong and Lu Chang Lin, governors of Kiang Su, both rabidly anti-foreign, are advancing toward Peking with large bodies of troops. Their advent must seriously affect the situation there."

Today the consular body decided that the situation there demands the presence of a military force in Shanghai and the consuls have notified their governments accordingly. London, July 29—July 11, the Chinese legation forwarded to the Queen a memorandum in which the emperor expressed his regret that the Chinese had been obliged to resort to force against the missionaries and the people of Chi Li and Shan Tung, certain evil disposed persons have availed themselves of the occasion to make disturbances and thus have extended so rapidly the territory of territorial aggression. Recently disturbances have arisen between the Christians and the people of Chi Li and Shan Tung, certain evil disposed persons have availed themselves of the occasion to make disturbances and thus have extended so rapidly the territory of territorial aggression.

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as well as the legations of the other powers. Germany assumed the position regarding the Japanese matter that nothing must be done to impede the action of the powers. Japan insisted upon an assurance that her intervention would not lead to collision with Russia. Russia finally declared on June 28 that she had no desire to hinder Japan's liberty, especially after her expressed intention to conform her action to that of the other powers.

The correspondence shows that Count Muraviev, the late Russian minister of foreign affairs, took an optimistic view of the situation in China but that Count Lansdorff, his successor was far from sharing in this sanguine view. He thought that Northern China was in a state of hopeless anarchy as did M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, who on June 5, considered "the imminent danger over but who afterwards on July 6, proposed a collective note warning the defect government at Peking hoping that this would demonstrate the solidarity of the powers. M. Delcasse insisted that the relief of the legations at Peking was far more important than any petty grievances among the powers. On June 22, Lord Pauncefote informed Lord Salisbury that in addition to the regiment already ordered to the Yangtze, the British government intended to send 2,000 troops to the Yangtze, though at that date the United States did not think a state of war necessarily existed in China.

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Paris is Still Sweltering and Deaths are Many.

Paris, July 29.—Yu Keng, the Chinese minister here, is convinced that the legationnaires in Peking are safe and sound, although some of the buildings may have not shared the official and political world here, despatches received from the far east during the past week have raised new hope that some—if not all—of the members of the legations are still alive. The Associated Press learns that the foreign governments intend to disregard Li Hung Chang's recommendations, which they believe made in bad faith, not to march on Peking. On the contrary, the international expedition will start about the middle of next week, following as closely as possible the railroad. Little doubt is felt that the Chinese government will hold the surviving European ministers at least to the Reform Association, which seeks to raise an army and overthrow the Emperor Dowager and restore the Emperor, Kwang Hsu, to the throne. The editor devoted three pages of his American paper yesterday to a scorching of the consul general and an alleged exposure of his weakness and deception. The consul general retorted with the explanation that the editor is leading a revolutionary party which has 3,000 members in Chinatown, all of whom he has watched by spies and detectives. Referring to a charge of Chong that Ho Yow had caused his (Chong's) relatives to be imprisoned, Ho Yow said: "His relatives were cast into prison, apparently because they were in league with him to overthrow the present dynasty. We had documentary evidence against them showing that they were in a traitorous league. That any women were imprisoned I do not believe."

Paris, July 29.—President Loubet, on a prosecution from the minister of war, has just signed a series of important decrees reforming and re-organizing the superior council of the war office. The decrees appoint four commanders to the general staff, naming General DeSaussure, General Tannier, General Lagro, and General Bissiere, thus modifying a former decree of General de Gallifet, according to which all members of the council of war, instead of French, should be officers and consequently are obliged to reside at the headquarters of their corps. As this rule is purely a patriotic reform movement, it is necessary to refer to but one among many of the clauses in his proclamation. It provides that any one contributing \$100 to the reform association fund shall be made a general; any one contributing \$1,000 shall be made a major; and any one contributing \$10,000 shall be made a colonel of the Royal Guard.

London, July 29.—A special despatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says that the English mission station north of Ning Po has been destroyed and 12 missionaries have been murdered.

Chicago, July 29.—Special Commissioner William Rockwell, appointed by the governor to ascertain the true situation in China, passed through Chicago today on his way to the Orient. He arrived at 3 o'clock and at 6.30 was speeding toward San Francisco, whence he will sail on the Japanese steamer America Maru on Aug. 2.

Chicago, July 29.—Mrs. M. S. Woodward of Evanston, told of the determination of Mrs. Woodward to use the revolver on her daughter and herself if necessary. Mrs. Woodward has guarded the letter with extreme care, saying when asked for its use by newspapers, that it was personal in tone. Mr. Woodward was out of town today but his housekeeper, Mrs. Martha Hoaglund, told of the determination of Mrs. Woodward to use the revolver on her daughter and herself if necessary. Mrs. Hoaglund said: "I saw the letter. Mrs. Woodward further stated that the marines had been ordered by Minister Conger and that news had been received of the landing of the relief force, thus showing that she still had hopes that they might be saved."

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Striking for Keeps. Scanton, Pa., July 29.--The Delaware & Hudson mining department threat to renege...

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Latest Lamp Shade. Lamp shades, according to the best authorities, are one more thing that has been improved upon since the dawn of time.

Strike Settled. Vancouver, B. C., July 29.--The salmon fishermen's strike has been declared off by compromise.