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FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1900. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

MESSAGE FROM MINISTER CONCER DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY STATE

It is in Answer to Secretary Hay's Cable= gram of the Eleventh Instant-Was in British Legation.

State Department Receives Telegram from Consnl-General Goodnow, Saying Governor Shantung Informs Him He Had a Cipher Message from Conger-Was Under Continued Shot and Shell from Chinese Troops -- "Quick Relief Only Can Prevent General Massacre" - President Well Pleased -Never Abandoned Hope -- London Does Not Attach Much Importance to it, Being Skeptical-Washington Authorities Are Well Satisfied-They Refuse to Make Public the Test of the Message --- There is No Doubt as to the Authenticity of the Answer.

alive

Kinley.

10 o'clock:

Washington, July 20 .- The following | was handed him at 9:30 a. m., the instatement has been given out at the state department:

On the lith of this month the state department communicated a brief message asking tidings from Minister Conger in the state department clpher. Minister Wu undertook to get this into Minister Conger's hands if he were allye. He has succeeded in doing this, This morning the state department reeived a telegram from Consul General loodnow at Shanghal, saying: "The covernor of Shantung Informs me that he has received today a cipher message from Conger of the 18th."

A few minutes later Minister Wu appeared at the state department with a telegram from Taotal Shang, dated the 20th of July, which had been received by Minister Wu at \$:30 o'clock this morning, reading as follows:

"Your telegram was forwarded and as requested I send reply from the sung li Yamen as follows:

Your islegram of the 15th day of his moon (11th July) received. The

our minster was alive a few days ago was made in the nature of a personal triumph for him. His face beamed with pleasure and he expressed his gratification and reiolochy at the con-firmation of his theory. "We are all very happy over the good tidings," said he. "I have hardly had time to think of the exact effect of the news on the situation but it removes one of the great elements of doubt and leaves us free to hone for the rescue of the foreigners in Pepin. It is a great victory for the state department offi-cials. UNITED STATES FIRST.

Every country in Christendom was Every country in Christendom was employing every agency in its posses-sion to obtain authentic news of the be-sleged ministers and the United States is the first to give to the world authen-tic and absolutely reliable world direct from the place in which the beienguered ministers are garrisoned. There is now good reason to believe that the minis-ters will be able to hold out until a re-lieving force reaches them. If they have been able to stand the sleeve for almost a month after the outside world had given up hope, there seems no reaalmost a month after the outside world had given up hope, there seems no rea-son to fear that they will not be able to hold out a little longer." "Do you regard the fact that the mes-sage is in the state department code as

conclusive evidence that it emanated from Minister Conger?" he was asked. "Might it not be hossible that, hav-ing massacred the people in the American legation, the code fell into the hands of the leaders of the Boxer move-

hands of the leaders of the Boxer move-ment, and if guch were the fact, they might have framed the reply in the state department's code and attached Minister (Ingel's signature to it?" "I regard such a suggestion as deal-ing with a possibility to remote to be seriously considered." replied the score-tary. "I am of the opinion that out-cliders could not have made use of our stant he left the train, by the Associated Press correspondent. Scanning the bulletin, he gave evidences of pleasure at the news. Later when the state department's statement first reached him by the Associated Press, adding dders could not have made use of our code, and besides, the nature of the re-ply, with its strong appeal for immedi strength to the genuineness of the news, he was more visibly gratified.

ate relief is such as would not have been sent by any one seeking to conceal a catastrophe to the foreigners in Pekin. "Does this message in shy way change the situation or the policy of this government?"

NO CHANGE OF POLICY.

news which followed the first bulletin, "I do not see that it does or will re-sult in a change of bolicy. The allies are organizing a column for the relief he started for a drive with Mrs. Meof the foreigners at Fekin, and now it is known that they are alive, the news can only result in pressing forward the column at the earliest possible mo-Washington, July 20 .- The secretary

of state received a telegram today from Naturally, in view of the importance of the communication from Mr. Conger. the first impulse was to make sure of Consul Fowler at Che Foo, dated on Its authenticity. Secretary Hay was himself perfectly satisfied on that score. Just as Secretary Long had sugested he felt no doubt that the message could the afternoon of the 20th, saying he had received the following telegram from the governor of Shan Tung dated convey internal evidence of authentici-ty. Supposing that the Chinese govern-ment had obtained possession of the state department se-cret code, it could not be concelled what them is to could not

"Received flying express from the Tsung Li Yamen forwarding cipher conceived what purpose it would serve telegram dated July 18, from American present the urgency of p

They Nominate Gov. Beckham by Acclamation.

ARE FOR LAW AND ORDER.

Elections Must be Free-Assassination of Goebel Denounced-Present Ballot Law to be Amended.

Lexington, Ky., July 20,-The Demoratic State convention adjourned shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, after an all-night gession, near the close of which Gov, Beckham was norainated for governor to fill the unexpired term of William Goebel, who was assassinated last February. During the night the committee sent word to the convention repeatedly that they could not report until today, but the delegates refused to adjourn. Finally the reports began to come in, after midnight. Owing to the contests in Campbell and Kenton counties there was a minority report, seating the Tarvin delegates, was substituted for the majority report. Then came the reports of permanent organization, rules, and order of business. There was another fight because of a provision for the State committee of a provision for the state committee to arbitrate all contests between ean-didates as it was thought to have special application to the Seventh dis-trict, where Trimble and Moody both claim the Democratic nomination for Congress. This report was adopted af-ter much debate, when it was explained that the special provision was not ret-voactive roactive.

It was 2 a. m. when Senator Black-burn presented the report of resolutions which was adopted. The resolutions endorse "The magnificent platform adopted by the national convention at Kansas City and also the splendid tick-et nominated by said convention;" de-clare that the Democratic party "has always advocated, and still does, that all elections shall be fairly conducted and the results honestly ascertained." and continues: "We recommend that the election law of 1898. (known as the Goebel law) which was enacted to pre-vent the repetition of well-known Re-publican frauds in certain districts of this State and which was a marked improvement upon the then existing faw, but which has not proved sufficient for thst purpose, he amended to secure this end so thoroughly that the most It was 2 a. m. when Sehator Blackthis end so thoroughly that the most hypercritical can find no excuse for charging fraud or unfairness to our party in the conduct of the election until such amendments can be enacted by the general assembly, we declare that the Republican party shall have repre-sentation on both the State and al all county boards of election commissioners. We declare to the world that the mob and the assassin shall not by the arbiters of the rights of the citizens of Kentucky, nor shall the penalty of appeal to the law and the regularly constituted authorities be death at the hands of assassing. Law and or must and shall prevail in Kentucky. Law and order The resolutions then recite at length the circumstances of the assassination of Goebel, and denounce the subsequent actions of Governor Taylor in using force to prevent the legislature assembling, and to maintain himself in office, denounce "the action of Gov Bradley in using and personally com-manding the military force of the State control the election and intimidate lectors at the election of November. 1899;" express grief over the untimely end of the "distinguished leader and friend of the great commonwealth, Gov. Wm. Goebel," and in conclusion, ap-peal to every Democrat and every good citizen of Kentucky to unite with the Democratic party and thus express his detestation of the foul crime. We dorse the administration of Gov. We en-Beckham and point with pride to its submission and steadfast fealty to the law during the most troublous, exciting and perilous days of the common-At 2:15 a. m. the order for nominations for governor was reached. Congressman Wheeler presented the name of Gov. Beckham. A wild demonstration of enthusiasm followed. When order was restored the names of J. G. Black and Judge James P. Tarvin were presented. The names of Judge McGreary Lewis, Smith and Pryor and Garnett who had been pressed hard as candidates, were not presented. When the call of counties was almost completed, Charles Metcalf withdrew the name of Judge Black and moved that the nomination of Beckham be made unanimous. Judge Tarvin withdrew his name and seconded this mo-Beckham was nominated by action. lamation. Then followed a wild scene in the hall, while Beckham was being escorted from the rear of the platform to the footlights. In accepting the nomination Gov. Beckham said he appreciated the honor the more since it came, as an en-dorsement of his acts during a trying period. He discussed national issues and reviewed the unusual conditions that have existed in the State When Beckham concluded he was greeted with an ovation. Then followed the adoption of the rooster as the party emblem. Although the convention for over seven consecutive hours had been for the most part listening to speeches. yet it proceeded to call on the defeated candidates who responded. At 3:30 a m., the conventionn adjourned sine die.

position he would kill the last one of them, at the same time exhibiting a pls-

A letter, said to have been written by Powers, was read, in which Powers said he did not want to see Charles Finley. There was no need of an understanding to enable them to tell the truth. Finley was as innocent as he, Powers, was. This was written four days before Powers' arrest.

California Wheat Crop Estimates.

Stockton, Cal., July 0 .- Experts in this sity say that the wheat crop in Callformin, this season is going to fall be-low the estimates made six weeks or two months ago. This shortage is said to be due in some localities to several daya of hot weather that swept over the daya of hot weather that swept over the State about the time the whoat was what is termed "in the milk." In other sections an insect worked on the roots of the plant till it reduced the sap in the stalks and affected the grain.

Cape Colony Parliament Opens.

Capetown, July 20 .- The Cape Colony parliament opened today with impres-sive scenes. The speech of Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the coleny, prophesied an early close of the war, and sub-sequently a united and prosperous South Africa. Messrs. Sauer, Merri-man and Tewater, former members of the ministery, were not present.

Mount Azuma in Eruption.

Yokohama, Thursday, July 19.-Mount Azima, near Bandaisan, which was the scene of a volcano disaster in 1888, broke into eruption Tuesday, July 17. Two hun-dred persons were killedn or injured.

Several villages were enguifed by the stream of lava from Mount Azuma, and and great damage was done in adjacent districts.

Prince of Wales Wins.

London, July 20 .- At the Sandown park second summer meeting today the thirteenth renewal of the Eolipse stakes of 10,000 sovereigns for three and four year-olds, about one mile and a quarter, was won by the prince of Wales' Diamond Jubilee; Chevening, with J. Reiff in the saddle, was second, and Skoopos, guided by L. Relff, was third. Nine horses ran.

EXPORTING ARMS TO CHINA.

Mr. Balfour Says in Present State of Law Cannot be Stopped.

London, July 20 .- In the house of commons today, replying to a question relative to the exportation of arms to China, Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, and government leader in the house, said it was impossible in the present state of the law to prohibit such exportation, but as the matter was extremely pressing a bill would today be introduced to give the government the necessary power. Such a bill was subsequently introduced in the house of lords.

MUST OBEY CANTON, NOT PEKIN

This is What Li Hung Chang Says Regarding the Customs.

Rome, July 20 .- The Italian consul at Hongkong telegraphs under date of Tuesday, July I7, that Li Hung Chang Informed him that he was going to liate with the powers in

made were read. It was a decided vicmade were read. If whis a decided vic-tory for the State and made the old prisoner look very sad. In the following letter to the pension department, Jester explains how he assumed the name of Hill. "Hill was my own father's name. Jester was my stepfather's name. I was about one and one-half verse old

was about one and one-half years old when my mother married Jester and I went by the name of Alexander Jester until after the war closed when I took up my own name. "Respectfully

"W. A. HILL." Taken in connection with a divore sult in Oklahoma, it appears from the pension papers read that Jester was married to Delia H. Jester, probably in the fifties. She went to Kansas and the fiftles. She went to Kansas and died in 1828. However, on June 15, 1870. Jester swears he was married in Texas to Julia Reynolds, who bore him three children. From her he secured a di-vorce at Norman, Okla, on Nov. 24, 1884. On May 24, 1896, he was married to Margaret E. Brown. In a series of questions submitted to Jester by H. Clay Evans, the commis-sioner of pensions, Jester claimed that he had three children while in fact he had at least eight at the time the state-ment was made. In the same series of questions he made mention of only one

questions he made mention of only one wife, while the court's records show him married three times, at least. J. E. Roark, W. S. Copp and Charles Bates, of Denton, Texas, testified that they knew Jester in Texas under the name of Wm. Hill.

Vessels Impressed by Japan.

Killed in Head-end Collision.

No passengers were injured,

September.

Victoria, B. C., July 20.-Word was received here today by the local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, con-necting with the Great Northern railconvention. The communication from Mr. Moyle rend us follows: "I hereby tender my resignation as road that two of their vessels, the Tosa Maru, the Kinshiu Maru have been imyour chairman. In doing so I desire to express my appreciation of your cordial and loyal support. I desire further to say that our success has been greatly aided by efficient services of the secrepressed by Japan to carry troops to Taku. Rio Jun Maru, which sailed yesterday for the Orient is the only vessel left in service. She will not be back until

tary of the committee, Joseph M. Cohen, and the active workers of the executive when credit should be given for the services rendered in the two campaigns we have conducted." Fort Worth, Texas, July 20 .- Hugh

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CHAIRMAN MOYLE

Accepted at Today's Meeting of

State Democratic Committee,

EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION

No Action on Naming of a U. S. Sena-

tor-Matter, However, Was ins

formally Discuss d.

At a meeting of the State Democratic-

committee held this forencen at State

headquarters, Progress block, Chairman

James H. Moyle teno-101 his resigna-

tion which, upon motion of Dr. Conrog

of Weber county, was accepted to take

effect after the meeting of the State

RESIGNATION OF

THOSE PRESENT.

Nichols and George Myers, firemen, and Engineer Brooks were killed today in a head end collision on the Rock Island railroad at Rush Springs, I. T. THOSE PRESENT. Those present at the meeting were: Chairman Moyle, Treasurer William H. Dale, Secretary Joseph M. Cohen, C. F. Stoney, Beaver; J. D. Call, Boxelder; H. Cutler and I. C. Thoreson, Cache county: R. W. Barnes, Davis county; Levi N. Harman, Emery county F. A. Hammond, Grand county; J. R. Letcher (proxy), Iron county, F. W. Holzheimer, Juab county, Joshua Greenwood, Mil-lard: Samuel Francis, Morgan county; W. H. Dale (proxy), Rich county; B. T. Lloyd, O. W. Powers, Salt Lake county; J. P. Christiansen, M. F. Murray, San-pete county; R. C. Lund (proxy), Se-vicr; Ward Stevenson, Topele county; O. F. Maimberg, S. A. King, Utah coun-ty; Richard Bridge, Wasatch county; E. W. Wilson (proxy), Washington county; E. M. Conroy, Weber; CAMPAIGN FUND, C. & N. W. Express Derailed. Huron, S. D., July 20 .- The Chicago and Northwestern express was detailed today half way between Rec Heights and Highmore by cattle on the track. Foreman George Briggs was killed and Engineer E. E. Vance severely injured. Annamese to Protect Canton. London, July 20.-A special dispatch from Hongkong says French gunboats have landed 300 Annamese soldiers to protect Shamlen, a suburb of Canton.

Los Angeles, July 20.-Hev, E. L. Conger, of Pasadena a brother of Minis-

CAMPAIGN FUND.

The report of the chairman and sec-retary of the State committee on the campaigns of 1895 and 1900 were read and upon motion adopted. The report showed a balance on hand of \$194.15. An auditing committee, consisting of

Geo. H. Wood and Elias A. Smith, re-ported having examined the report and of finding everything "O K."

te department telegram has been handed to Minister Conger. Herewith is Minister Conger's reply to the state department." "

Mr. Conger's cablegram is as follows: "In British legation. Under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general DASBACTO."

The message is not dated, but it is understood was sent from Pekin on the 18th. -

This reply was in the state department clpher, and it is regarded by the state department as genuine inasmuch as forgeries seem under the circumstances impossible.

LONDON SKEPTICAL

London, July 20 .- Minister Conger's message to the state department at Washington is not regarded here as ustifying over much optimism, but, on the contrary, is generally accepted as a further Chinese attempt at mystificadon. Some think the fact that the nessage is undated and the similarity of its contents to Sir Robert Hart's nessage of June 24 suggest that it was ent off about the same time, but was stercepted by the Chinese. The skepital are confirmed in their suspicions. by the fact that a message was reselved by M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs today, through the Chinese minister at Paris, purporting to come from the emperor asking France's mediation with the Chinese, and which, it is alleged, was dated July II, and makes no mention of the foreign egations at Pekin.

The Chinese legation at London has been notified by Sheng, Chinese adminstrator of telegraphs at Shanghai, that the governor of Shan Tung has received a message from Minister Conger for transmission to Washington.

STATE DEPARTMENT SATISFIED. Washington, July 20,-State departpent officials do not accept conclusions reached by some of the London Micials that Minister Conger's dispatch is an old one which had been intercepted by Chinese officials. While they refuse to make public the test of the message sent by Secretary Hay on the lith inst. to Minister Conger through Minister Wu, they say that the message received today from Minister Confor is a satisfactory reply to the one sent by Secretary Hay.

It is further pointed out in support of the authenticity of Minister Conger's message that the bembardment of which he speaks did not begin, according to all accounts, until July Calthough the legations had been besleged and attacked prior to that time, but not with artillery.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE NEWS.

minister Pekin, which I have transmitted, and by which you will see that the newspaper accounts are entirely rumors."

Those near the President have known

for days past that he has never given

up hope that Minister Conger was

After the President had read all the

MINISTERS ARE SAFE.

The state department also has received a dispatch from Consul Fowler, dated night, July 20, in which he communicates the following message telegraphed to him that date by the governor of Shan Tung:

"I have just received definite information that the various ministers in Pekin are well and that the proper Chinese officials are devising measures for their rescue and protection."

This message is signed by Yuan, the governor of Shang Tung. DECIPHERING THE CIPHER MES-

AGE. Washington, July 20 .-- After hope had almost been abandoned of hearing from the legations in Pekin, two cablegrams bearing tidings of the unfortunates beset in the British legation were received this morning. First came a short, sharp word from Consul Gen. Goodnow, at Shanghai, an officer of the state department, who will not be soon forgot-ten because of the immense energy and zeal he has exhibited in securing information to meet the flemand of the de partment in the exciting days of the past six weeks. He gave notice that Minister Conger had at last been heard from directly and that his words were

on the way to the state department.

WU TEARS DOWN THE STREET. Searcely had the cheering news reached Secretary Hay before Minister Wu came tearing down the asphalt streets from his legation in his automobile bearing in his hands the precious message from Mr. Conger. The minister

Hay

nature

was perspiring and almost speechless with pleasurable excitement, and even the swift new elevator in the state de-partment scarcely could meet his de-mand for hastily reaching. Secretary The secretary already had prepared himself for the minister's appea ance, but nevertheless not knowing the of Mr. Conger's communication he sat in suppressed anxiety to receive the message. Mr. Wu himself was ig-norant of what he had in his hand, be-cause the message was in the state dement . partment cipher, apparently a meaning-less mass of figures and periods. Secretary Hay at once called for Assistant Secretary Adee and the two distinguished officials set to wark translating the cipher into the English. This oc-cupied nearly half an hour. The first movement of Secretary Hay when deciphering was to make a copy and diseatch this by messenger in haste to the

White House, with a request to the telegraphers there to forward it at the earliest moment to President McKinley for his information. Then Secretary remembering the intense public Hay. anxiety to have tidings of the Ameri-cans in Pekin, caused his private secretary to prepare copies of the message he had received thoughtfully accompanying them with an explanatory statement and these copies were given to the newspapermen, who by this time, scenting the fact that news of the greatest importance had come, began crowd-ing the broad corridor before the sec-

TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT. Then Secretary Hay betook himself war department to convey the to the to the war department to convey the news in person to Secretary Root and to Secretary Long, who were together at the time. After a short consultation in Secretary Root's office Secretary Long upon emerging into the corridor was showered with congratulations by a large throng of department employes and newspaper men, who had congre-gated there. As the one member of the

retary's office

gated there. As the one member of the Canton, O., July 20.—The President's first news of Minister Conger's dispatch

ef forces toward Pekin. If the im-erial government is making war on the internationals it would surely not forward an effort to get foreign troops into its capital. At least that was the line of reasoning at the state depart-ment. A most significant feature of the Conger message was the statement that the British legation was under con-stant fire "by the Chinese troops." Without qualification or explantion that expression would seem to identify the imperial government with the attack upon the foreign ministers. He made no mention of Boxers, but simply reforred to troops. As the state depart-ment was obliged to paraphrase the message to protect its code from dis-closure, it is not possible at this mo-ment to exactly estimate the full significance of the minister's language on this point. But in his jast message pre-

ceding this, he specified Boxers as at-tacking, and it may be that he has now purposely made a distinction. WHAT CONGER MEANT

The state department officials, however, feel that Mr. Conger in using the term Chinese troops, "meant troops in rebellion against the imperial government, those under Pripte Tuan's direc-tion." They find this contention entirely logical. In the first place the Chinese government itself has admitted that its troops had participated in many cases during the Boxer movement. The ap-peals of Minister Wu and of other Chinese ministers abroad to the powers to hasten their forces to Pekin also were based on the theory that the imperial government Was resisting the rebellious troops and Boxers. Further more, it cannot be accepted as probable that if the Chinese government was at tacking the legations itself it would permit Mr. Conger to advise his own government of that fact. Therefore, it may be stated again that the state de-partment, is satisfied of two facts: First, that Mr. Conger was allye on the 18th inst., two days ago. This date is supplied by Consul Gen. Goodnow: it may also have been in the original ci pher from Mr. Conger, though the fac does not appear in the paraphrased copy given out by the state department, which is undated. In the second place, it still remains the upinion that the Chinese imperial government is not en-

cournging but is resisting the Boxer movement, which is consequently an insurrection against the titular govern-MINISTERS NOT MASSACRED.

French Foreign Office Has Informaa tion to That Effect.

Paris, July 20. -The foreign office has received information from a Chinese source, in which, powever, certain reliance may be placed, that the foreign ministers at Pekin have not been massacred. According to this informa-tion on July 7, the ministers were attacked and the legations purned, the foreigners succeeded in crossing the city to Prince Ching's palace, which was then barriegded, and the Euro-peans were holding their own up to the time the news left, July 9. Since then nothing has been heard from Pe-

Missionaries May Deave China.

New York, July 20 .- The Presbyterian board of foreign missions today cabled to five stations in China, formal permission to missionaries to leave the country at once if they deem it wise. This action follows a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the board yes-The stations cover the entire terday. empire as far as it is open to communi-

empire as far as it is oben to communi-cation at present. The missionaries addressed are Rev. Geo. Cornwald, Che Foo: Rev. Paul Bergen, Teing Tau; Rev. Geo. F. Fitch, Shanghal; Rev. Dr. H. V. Noyes, Canton; Rev. W. M. Campbell, Kiung Chow, Island of Jainan. Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, secretary of the Methodist missionary society, ca-bled as follows to the Rev. Frederick Brown, Che Foo; "Give location missionaries. Analysis

"Give location missionaries. Anxiety

THE POWERS TRIAL.

Annie Weist, Stenographer to Anditor Sweeney, on Witness Stand.

Georgetown, Ky., July 20,-Miss Annie Weist of Louisville, who was stenog-rapher to Auditor Sweeney, and was in the auditor's office in the executive building when the Goebel assassination occurred, was the first witness called in the Powers trial today. She heard three shots in the direction of the office of the secretary of state.

Immediately after the shooting several strangers came into the room, but they did not speak of the shooting, and what had occurred. Witness said Henry Youtsey came into her office the day of the Van Meter-Berry contest and told her she had better leave the state house, as trouble was likely. Wit. ness said that a few minutes after the shooting Assistant Secretary of State Matthews stationed two men with guns at the door of the building with orders to allow no one to either enter or leave the hullding.

Miss Snuffer, of Williamsburg, testi-

compliance with a dispatch signed by the emperor and the empress dowager. The consul asked him to forward a dispatch to the Italian minister, Signor Rozgi, but Li Hung Chang replied that he had no means of doing so. Li Hung Chang, the consul reports, notified the directors of customs that they must obey orders from Canton, not from Pe-kin. The viceroy of Nankin has given similar instructions for Shanghai,

ELECTION IN CUBA.

September 15 Fixed Up for Holding Constitutional Convention.

Washington, July 20 .- It is understood that the President and General Wood have agreed on September 15th as the time for holding the election in Cuba for delegates to the constitutional convention to be called for the purpose of formulating a constitution for an independent government for Cuba. On the return of Gen. Wood to Cuba he will confer with the leaders of the Cuban people as to the details of the election and as to what restrictions, if any, should be placed upon universal suffrage in the island.

It is now hoped that the constitutional convention will be held before the end of the year and if possible as early as October 15th. There is no doubt that any constitution that may be formulated will be scrutinized carefully by the President and possibly by Congress before it is allowed to go into operation, for it is the settled conviction of the officials that Cuba should not be permitted to make treaties with foreign nations except through the United States, nor should the people be allowed to involve the island in debt unless authorized to do so by this government.

Rebels Carry Pekin East City.

Washington, July 20 .- The state department has issued the following buletin: "The secretary of state received this morning a dispatch from Consul Fowler at Che Foo, dated midnight, July 19, saying a Shanghal paper of the 16th said all foreigners had been mur-dered. Fowler wired the government demanding the truth. The governor replied that his courier left Pekin on the iith and all then were safe, but Pekin east city had been carried by rebels with the intent to kill."

Castle Crag Hotel Burned.

San Francisco, July 20.-Word has been received here that the hotel at Castle Crag, Shasta county, burned to the ground at 4 o'clock this morning. All the guests escaped with their baggage

Castle Crag tavern was a fashionable summer hotel high up in the mountains of Shasta county and was owned by the Pacific Improvement Company. It was crowded with society people from San Francisco and other portions of the state.

THE JESTER TRIAL.

Defense Fights Hard Against Admission of Pension Letters.

St. Louis, July 20,-A special to the Post Dispatch from New London, Mo., says:

George W. Roudebush, one of the special examiners of the pension bureau, was placed on the stand in lester trial today. He identified the certificates and applications for pension made by Alexander Jester, alias W. A. HILL

F. Wilkins of Norman, clerk of the Second district court, testi-fied that he knew the prisoner as W A. Hill and had assisted him in getting

When first arrested at Shawnee, Okla., Jester claimed he was not Alexander Jester, who traveled through Kansas and Missouri with Gilbert W. Gates.

Attorneys for the prisoner made a fight to keep out the pension papers as they prove conclusively that Jester has been known under two names. The judge admitted the evidence and the fied that Powers told her January 14th letters Jester had written to the pension bers of the last Legislature, urging him corpus, the Islands, that before he would be rebbed of his department and the application be

than ever now, that they are in dire distress, and that help must ome to them soon or they will perish miserably. "The United States is proceeding

Conger's Brother Talks.

ter Conger, was shown by an Associ-ated Press representative this morning.

copy of the dispatch received by the

state department. "It is directly in line with what I have

felt and thought all along," he said. "I have never given up the hope that the

along the safest and best lines, no doubt, and I can only trust, for the take of my beloved brother and the others who are there that there will be not a moment's delay, as long as the is hope of reaching Pekin before a mas-

sacre takes place Rev. Conger also received a telegram from the state department this morning transmitting to him the message

BRYAN ON CHINA SITUATION.

from his brother.

Adherence to American Policy of Justice the Best for All. Lincoln, Neb., July 20 .-- Mr. Bryan to-

day gave out the following interview in regard to the situation in China: "Every one deplores the destruction of life in China and is horrified at the barbarities practiced. Every one be-lieves that it is the duty of our government to protect the lives and property of American citizens residing in China and I have no doubt that the adminis-tration will do so. I also take it for granted that all American citizens will withdraw from China temporarily or take refuge in some seaport where they can be protected by American ships until the excitement is over. If the Chinese government has tried in good faith to protect our citizens, suitable punishment for the guilty and reparation and indemnity for those who have suffered can doubtless be secured. If apon investigation it is found that the Chinese government has not acted in good faith. Congress has power to deal with the matter. For several years European nations have been threaten ing to dismember China and it is not strange that their ambitious designs should arouse a feeling of hostility to-ward foreigners. That feeling, however, ought not to be directed against Ameri-can citizens and will not be if our na-tion makes it known that it has no de-sire to grab land or to trespass upon the rights of China. A firm adherence to the American policy of justice and fair dealing will not only set an exam-ple to other nations, but will give our citizens residing in China the best promise of security. It will be better for our merchants to have it known that they seek trade only when trade is actually advantageoue; it will be bet-ter for our missionaries to have it known that they are preaching the gospel of love and are not the forerunners of fleets and armies.'

Long Urges Remey.

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Washington, July 20.-Secretary Long the following cablegram to admiral Remey: "Conger telegraphs that he is under fire in British legation, Pekin. Use and urge every means possible for immedi-ate relief."

RICHARD, W. YOUNG A SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

new element into the struggle among Utah Democrats for the United States senatorship, and one that is liable to cut will tender his resignation as a member a very large figure in the case. At least four gentlemen in this city, close friends of Major Richard W. Young. have received letters from him in the past few days in which he announces. that he has decided on entering the senatorship race. He quotes a number of letters he had received from Democrats in Salt Lake and various parts of Utah, at least two of them from mem-

The last mail fram Manila brought a | him their support. Major Young says therefore that after due deliberation, has decided to allow his name to go before the Legislature. He adds that he of the Supreme Court of the Philippines to take effect as soon as his succes can relieve him, and that should the State committee desire his services, he will come home to take part in the campaign. In one of his letters, shown a "News" representative, Major Young campaign. says he "stands squarely on the so-called Bryan Nebraska platform."

Major Young is now serving as presient of the criminal branch of the preme Court in Manila. He writes that he had just issued a writ of habeas corpus, the first ever known in the

legationers and foreigners in Pekin were still alive, but I felt and, of course, of thanks was tendered the chairman secretary and treasurer for the satismanner in which they had conducted the campaign referred to.

NEXT STATE CONVENTION.

It was decided to hold the state convention in this city on Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th. The apportionment of the convention

will be the same as the recent special congressional election, consisting of 524 delegates. WON'T NAME SENATOR.

During the meeting there was some informal talk upon the matter of nam-ing the United States senator in the convention, but that is as far as it went. No definite or official action was taken in the premises.

After the appointment of a number of committees an adjournment was taken until Wednesday, September 5, at sp. m.

SECRETARY ROOT ON MESSAGE.

Administration Will Aid Friendly Chinese Officials.

Washington, July 20 .- Secretary of War Root was asked today, after he had two conferences with the secretary of state, and Adjutant General Corbin as to the probable effect the Conger dispatch would have on the military situation. He said it was impossible to say now definitely as to whether increased haste in throwing military forces into China might not aggravate rather than help marters. That has not yet been determined by this government, but the policy of the admin-lstration will be to do everything pos-sible to aid the friendly Chinese officials. He made the positive statement that no more troops have been ordered for Chinese service. Although the secretary did not say so, it is understood that the officials here will use all efforts to get Li Hung Chang Into Pekin as soon as possible. Secretary Root said it was evident from the terms of the Conger message that the Chinese government was sincere and had been rotecting them in the matter. first thing now was to co-operate in

Methuen Occupies Heckpoorts.

London, July 20.-The following dis-patch from Lord Roberts has been re-celved at the war office: Pretoris, July celved at the war office: Pretoria, July 18.: Methuén occupied Heckpoort roday without opposition to speak of. Ian Hamilton and Mahon continued their march alance of Mahon march along the country north of the Delugoa Bay railway. Hunter is re-connoitering the positions occupied by the Free Staters between Bathlebem and Fickaburg.

Ington at this particular juncture.

every possible way with the friendly Chinese officials and aid them in their work. The President, he said, saw no reason why he should return to Wash-

