

PLAN TO GAIN TIME

WHILE CHINA COMPLETES PREPARATIONS FOR WARFARE.

Increasing Belief That There is No Hope for Foreign Legations and That Dispatches Intended to Persuade the World That the Ministers Are Still Alive Is a Trick to Gain Time—Conger's Latest Message Increases the Doubt—Signs of Trouble in the Southern Provinces—Evidence of an Impending Struggle.

London, July 27.—Mr. Conger's letter, the substance of which has been transmitted to the United States secretary of the navy through Capt. Thomas, of the United States cruiser Brooklyn, has increased the belief in London that there is no hope for the foreign legations in Peking, and that the elaborate fabric of the dispatches which the Chinese are building to persuade the civilized world that the ministers are still alive is only intended to enable them to gain time to complete preparations for warfare. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail asserts that a Chinaman who was employed at the British legation as a writer and interpreter, has escaped from Peking to Niu Chwang, and that he declares that at the time he left Peking most of the

Legationers Were Dead and the condition of the others was hopeless. He says that Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, died on July 2. The correspondent goes on to say: "No other dates are given in the message from Niu Chwang. The leading Chinese newspaper here published yesterday a dispatch declaring that it was all over with the members of the legations."

The president of a minor board at Peking wrote to a relative in Shanghai, under date of July 9, saying: "The foreign legations are still unaptured, but, owing to the daily fighting it is reported that only about 300 persons are left alive in the legations, and if there is any delay in the arrival of the force I fear

None Will Be Left to receive it." This letter is regarded in Shanghai as authentic. Strange enough it says nothing of any assistance to the legations by Prince Ching or Gen. Yung Lu.

While these brief side lights as to the fate of the Europeans leave little ground for hope Shanghai sends a batch of reports indicative of preparations for hostilities on the part of the Chinese. It is alleged that Yang-se viceroys have sent deputies to Shanghai to inquire as to the prospect of raising a foreign loan ostensibly to pursue military operations against the Boxers, whose movement is extending rapidly southward with constantly growing strength and had reached a point where the provinces of Shanghai, Heo-hau and Shansi meet, leaving behind it a

Trail of Burned Missions and murdered Christians. Simultaneously there is a movement northward of Southern Chinese troops to join the main army gathered to oppose the foreign advance on Peking. The strength of this principal force is now estimated at 300,000 men. It is believed that another two or three weeks must elapse before the Chinese preparations are completed. These signs of trouble in the southern provinces are coincident with Li Hung Chang's presence in Shanghai. They are supposed to be the beginning of a general declaration against foreigners. In this connection the Canton correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing Tuesday, sends the following important news: "Victory Tak Su yesterday published the following mandate: 'An important imperial decree was issued on the 23d day of the sixth moon. It says: We

Have Lost Tien-tsin and great precautions are taken in Peking. No peace can be obtained without going through a war. In the time of Chung an agreement was made that no murder can be inflicted upon ministers from abroad. It is a month since the minister of Germany was assassinated by Boxers, and strict orders have been given for the arrest of the murderers; we are trying our utmost to preserve the lives of the other ministers, and they are still in Peking. We fear that the viceroys and governors may misunderstand the intention of the decree, relying on the safety of these ministers as a ground for making peace, and taking no care whatever to prepare for attack and defence. The neglect to fortify the districts under their jurisdiction will

Bring Endless Calamities. Viceroys and governors are to pay all attention to and urge on preparations for coast attack and defense, and they are to take the consequences in case of any territory being lost entirely through their delay and mismanagement."

"The Europeans here understand thoroughly the last part of the edict, which means that the viceroys and governors are commanded by the emperor dowager to prepare for a Chinese war against the allied powers. Viceroy Tak Su is bitterly anti-foreign and he is increasing his army and armaments, military and marine. His plans will be unmasked shortly after the allied powers ascertain definitely the facts concerning the massacre at Peking. The Cantonese are daily becoming more and more hostile, and the

Situation Is Critical. Business is almost at a standstill and leprosy and plague claim fresh victims daily."

According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph Li Hung Chang is residing at the residence of Liu, who was the secret envoy of the emperor dowager in the Japanese negotiations. He has received instructions to remain at Shanghai and to open up negotiations with a view of preventing the European advance.

With this accumulation of evidence of an impending big struggle comes also the news of disagreement between the powers and the foreign commanders which threatens to hamper united action and to encourage Chinese resistance. A conference of the ad-

mirals at Taku, called to settle the question of the restored railway, decided in favor of Russian control, only the British and American admirals dissenting.

SAFE CONVOY FOR MINISTERS

Provided No Advance Is Made on Peking.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says: "A general rising throughout China is now regarded as so absolute certain that all the missionaries have been ordered to take refuge without delay either at Shanghai or Hongkong. Refugees are beginning to arrive from all points in the most pitiable condition. As a result of an almost constant correspondence with the governor of Shanghai, Li Hung Chang announced this afternoon that the imperial government was prepared at any moment to give a safe convoy to the members of the foreign legations from Peking to Tien-tsin provided a guarantee were given that no advance would be made upon the capital and that all matters in dispute between China and the powers would be made the subject of friendly negotiations. In the same communication to the consuls Earl Li stated that the imperial government had submitted to the powers a statement outlining its position and that it had suffered greatly by recent events, but desired not only to suppress rebellion, but to remove the cause of the hostility of foreign powers. Therefore, he hoped that the offer to escort the foreigners to Tien-tsin would be regarded as an earnest desire of the Chinese government for the renewal of friendly relations. The consuls replied that no basis for friendly negotiations was possible until proof was at hand that the ministers were still living. Consul Warren declined to discuss the matter at all, but in his reply to the French consul Li Hung Chang undertook to obtain a satisfactory message from the French minister, M. Pichon, within five days."

DEEPENS THE MYSTERY.

Nothing in Conger's Message to Dismiss Doubts as to Peking.

Washington, July 27.—The receipt at Tien-tsin of an undoubtedly genuine and autographic message from Minister Conger has done nothing to dissipate the doubt as to the situation at Peking. The message, which was forwarded by the naval officers at Tien-tsin, Taku and Chifu, has, indeed, served only to deepen the darkest and saddest mystery of the century. Official conclusion remains unchanged, of course, but it is admitted that a careful scrutiny of the autograph message in comparison with the famous cipher message from Minister Conger admits of the belief that the two messages were dictated by Mr. Conger at about the same time. The situation at the British legation is represented to be the same in each case, and as Mr. Conger declares that relief must come quickly if at all, there is ground for the supposition that conditions could not long have remained unchanged in such a crisis. The assumption that this reasoning is correct involves the further conclusion that Mr. Conger's cipher message, if genuine, was redated as of the 18th of July, two weeks later than the date of actual writing and, of course, if redated at all that was done by Chinese officials.

Conger's Message. The following cablegram has been received at the navy department, dated Chifu, July 24, and signed by Capt. Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn: "Written message, signed Conger, dated July 4, received Tien-tsin, 21st, says: 'Been besieged two weeks, British legation. Grave danger general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling legation daily. Relief soon if at all. City without aid except by Chinese army. Determined massacre all foreigners, Peking. Entry relief force into Peking probably be hotly contested.'"

Moving With Great Energy.

The United States war department is moving at present with greater energy than at any time since the original orders for troops to get its contingent in position for the task before it. Gen. Chaffee reported to the department formally yesterday from Nagasaki and there received orders which have been sent by cable since his departure from San Francisco. An idea of their general character can be gathered from the general's report that he was about to push forward at once with his big transport for Taku.

FUSION IN KANSAS.

Fort Scott, Kan., July 27.—The Kansas Democracy and the Populists have made the tightest and most harmonious fusion that has ever existed in this state. The ticket, as completed by the different conventions, was finally indorsed by all Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans. Associate justice, David Martin, Populist; governor, D. W. Bridenbath, Populist; lieutenant governor, A. M. Harvey, Populist; secretary of state, Abe Franks, Democrat; treasurer, Conway Marshall; attorney general Hugh P. Farrell, Democrat; superintendent of insurance, Webb McNall, Silver Republican; electors at large, R. W. Turner, Silver Republican; J. B. Fugate, Democrat.

Firemen Go to Paris.

New York, July 27.—Chief George Hale and thirteen firemen from Kansas City arrived in New York yesterday, bound for Paris, where they will contest with firemen from every country in the world. All the team are big athletic fellows. Chief Hale said that there was no doubt in his mind that he would win. One of the contestants the Kansas City firemen will enter is against time. In this they have excelled all records. The Kansas city crew can dress, hitch up their horses and be on the street in 8-1/2 seconds.

Ambassador Draper's Resignation.

Washington, July 27.—The resignation of Ambassador Draper has reached the state department and been forwarded to President McKinley at Canton. So far as can be gathered nothing has yet been done toward selecting a successor.

St. Rev. Barnwell, former rector of St. Paul's, Selma, Ala., was nominated to succeed the late Richard H. Wilmer of Mobile. Bishop Barnwell is a South Carolinian.

News of the Northwest

CAUSES BAD WRECK.

Passenger Train Runs into a Landslide.

Lake City, Minn., July 26.—The midnight train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, running as No. 2, was wrecked yesterday morning at 1:32, the cause being a large landslide from the bluff on the right of the track in the cut a mile and a half below King's coulee. The engine, after striking the slide, shot to the left of the track, there striking a wall of rock which threw it into the air. It came down on its side, stripping it entirely of all fixtures and fittings, and entirely destroying it. The engine was followed by the tender, which was thrown up on its side. The express car followed next. When the shock came it was thrown into the air, lighting upside down on the side of the engine. The

Baggage Car Cut Loose

from the train, taking a shoot to the left, square across the track. The above named cars were totally destroyed and the smoking car was slightly smashed and the trucks were cut away from one car, yet the car was practically all right. The other passenger car and sleeper were free from injury and were taken to Lake City at 9 o'clock. The engineer, Charles Hathaway of Minneapolis, stuck nobly to his post, which act proved to be his death warrant. Before death came he shut the throttle off and put the reverse lever on. When found after the collision he was buried under a mass of mud and stones, with one foot cut off. The fireman, Noble Thomas of Minneapolis, from appearance,

Was Seized to Death.

When found his teeth were driven in, his nose smashed, his head and foot both had very severe cuts, and his right leg was broken below the knee. He was found outside the cab. The greatest miracle of the affair is how John Allyn of Minneapolis, expressman, escaped death. The first finger on his right hand was smashed and he received a cut on the right side of the head, but outside of these injuries and a shaking up, he escaped. He was found in the overturned car, between the door and the safe. It is the worst wreck ever had on this division within the past fifteen years.

Passengers Again Shaken.

Hastings, Minn., July 26.—An engine and coach of the Red Wing local was soured from the line to bring up the passengers from the wrecked train in order that they might be sent around by the Burlington line. Coming into the yards a collision occurred with a switch engine, and both engines were considerably damaged, while the coach was shattered, and eight or ten of the thirty passengers in it sustained bruises and cuts from broken glass, none of them, however, being seriously injured. Engineer P. H. Wheeler of Minneapolis, who was running the local, had his right foot badly jammed.

ESCAPED FROM THE PEN.

A Convict Gets Away, Breathing Threatening and Slaughter. Fargo, N. D., July 26.—The officials here are on the lookout for William Doonane, who was sent to the state penitentiary from Fargo for a ten years' sentence for assaulting a little girl. Doonane is reported to have escaped from the penitentiary Saturday night, and is thought to have headed this way, as he swore he would be revenged on two Fargoans, whom he held responsible for his conviction. The prisoner is about fifty years of age and claimed to have lived in Milwaukee.

HEIR TO \$50,000.

Good Luck Comes to a Baraboo, Wis., Woman. Baraboo, Wis., July 26.—Mrs. Aaron Teele of this city has recently fallen heir to an estate in California valued at \$90,000 by the death of her brother. She deceased leaves a widow but no children, and, according to the laws of California, when no will is made, as in this case, the widow receives one-half of the property and the remainder goes to nearest relatives. Mrs. Teele's share will be about \$50,000.

SANDBAGGED BY EIGHT.

Bad Luck of Marshal Jake Hanson at Willmar. Willmar, Minn., July 26.—Town Marshal Jake Hanson, while chasing suspected hobo thieves in the railroad yard, was sandbagged by eight men last night. He was unconscious for several hours, and is still in bad shape. No arrests have been made.

Narrowly Escaped Cremation.

Madison, Wis., July 26.—The family of John Loy in South Madison was saved from probable cremation by the explosion of a loaded shotgun early yesterday. A fire had broken out in their dwelling from some unknown cause at 3:30 o'clock and spread until the flames enveloped the gun and ignited the powder it contained. The discharge awoke the family of five members just in time to save them from being burned up.

Bold Burglary.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 26.—A stranger entered the home of Mrs. Schmidt's and when she turned to comply with his request for something to eat he attacked her, and after binding her hands and feet with a rope which he carried, he ransacked the house. Parried by finally scared the man away. After tireless efforts the woman succeeded in freeing herself and giving the alarm.

Heavy Log Driving.

Black River Falls, Wis., July 26.—The present drive of logs on Black river is the best of the season. The heavy rains have kept the river up to a good driving stage for over a week, and it is estimated that nearly 25,000,000 feet will reach the boom at Oulaska, and it will relieve the log famine below to a great extent.

Emperor William has accepted from the manufacturers three automobiles in which he intends to ride during the August maneuvers.

INDIANS ARE UGLY.

Serious Depredations and Defiance of Law in Northwestern Montana.

Kalspell, Mont., July 27.—One of the worst forest fires ever known in Northwestern Montana is now raging in Swan Lake county, on the western part of the Lewis and Clarke forest reserve. Gus Mosler, superintendent of the reserve, has just arrived here from the scene and reports that the Indians deliberately set fire to timber, slaughtering game and creating havoc. At one lodge his rangers discovered fifteen fresh deer carcasses and at another they found fifteen more and one elk, all killed within twenty-four hours. He knows who the Indians are and will proceed against them at once. Within a space of thirty miles up and down the river, he says, there are over thirty fires now burning fiercely. He has ordered crews of men from Missoula and also sent a large outfit from here, and will start with another tomorrow. He says that many millions of acres have been burned and are burning, and that it is the finest white pine and cedar on the reserve, and that it is almost impossible to say when the fires will be extinguished or just what the damage will be. As fast as one fire is extinguished another is set and his rangers are almost worn out. Considerable fine timber on the Flathead reservation was also burned. The weather is very hot and dry and fires spread rapidly.

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS.

Claim of the State to the Fort Sully Reservation Overruled.

Pierre, S. D., July 27.—Attorney Hughes, for claimants, yesterday received a telegram from Washington stating that the secretary of the interior had overruled the general land office in the case of Robert Snyder vs. the State of South Dakota, ruling in favor of Snyder. This gives squatters on the old Fort Sully military reservation the right to file on the tracts on which they lived regardless of the provisions of the act opening the reservation under which the state claimed the right to all of it. There are about a dozen such settlers and the state filings on the tracts they claim will be set aside by this ruling.

KILLED BY ROBBERS.

Masked Men Attempt to Rob a West Superior Saloonkeeper.

Duluth, Minn., July 27.—About 11 o'clock last night a masked man entered the saloon of George Larson in West Superior and pointing a revolver at Larson, demanded his money. Larson immediately made for the robber as if to fight. Before he could reach him, however, the highwayman fired two shots at the saloonkeeper, one taking effect in the head and the other in the thigh. The robber then ran to the cash drawer, and taking everything in sight, about \$12, ran out and escaped. Larson will die.

LOSS FALLS ON FARMERS.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 27.—E. O. Seaton, grain buyer at Verdon, has left the country owing farmers and others something like \$7,000. Speculating in options is said to have caused his downfall. The grain company for which he was agent will lose but little, as the grain was mostly stored by farmers, who took no storage tickets. Seaton shipped the grain and pocketed the proceeds, losing the money shortly in speculation.

Killed in a Quarrel.

Minneapolis, July 27.—Joseph La Porte was killed in a personal encounter with Maurice Hayes at the Crystal hotel early last evening. Hayes is a prisoner in the North Minneapolis police station. He admits having struck the fatal blow and feels very badly over the occurrence. He claims great provocation. The two men quarreled over the Philippine question.

Woman Puts Burglars to Flight.

West Superior, Wis., July 27.—Mrs. Sarah Mackie of this city had a set-to with a trio of burglars last evening and proved entirely too much for them. They entered her house while she was sleeping, but fled speedily upon her waking and making for them with a club. Some neighbors were summoned and chased the men, but they got away.

Daughter Elopes—Mother Arrested.

Spring Valley, Wis., July 27.—Mrs. Erdman and daughter Jennie of One went to Ellsworth on business yesterday. While there the girl eloped with a young man named Clapp. The groom after the ceremony, had Mrs. Erdman arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of making threats of bodily injury to him.

Foot Crushed.

Cherokee, Iowa, July 27.—Frank Elser, a brakeman of the Illinois Central railroad, was coupling some "bad-order" cars at the gravel pit, and while attempting to kick couplers into place his foot was caught and mangled in a terrible manner. Hopes are entertained that he will not be permanently crippled.

Accidentally Shot.

Monticello, Minn., July 27.—Mrs. Lawrence was seriously injured while at the home of Mr. Bailey. A gun was discharged by a boy of fourteen, who thought it unloaded, and several shot lodged in the lady's breast and shoulder.

Six Thousand Dollars Short.

Cokato, Minn., July 27.—C. E. Allen, manager of the Farmers' elevator at this place, is between \$6,000 and \$7,000 short in his accounts, and the elevator has been closed awaiting an investigation.

Killed by a Fall.

Hudson, Wis., July 27.—Hans O. Thoen, a farmer of Pleasant Valley, this county, walked off the porch at the Harris house and was discovered dead in the morning. The coroner's jury found death to be accidental.

In Minnesota.

State News of the Week Briefly Told.

Winona is preparing for its annual street fair.

Owatonna's free delivery system has been installed.

Balaton has decided to build a system of waterworks.

The crop outlook around Redwood Falls is excellent.

Martorville crops have been helped by a heavy rain storm.

Owatonna lumbermen have started a lively rate war among themselves.

Anton Bonus dug his way out of the Owatonna jail with a stovepoker.

George Fox, paroled from Stillwater, has been arrested at Duluth for robbery.

Peter Boomgard, a prosperous farmer of West Concord, was killed by lightning.

Work on the proposed public building at St. Cloud will be begun this week.

Gustavus Adolphus college at St. Peter, may establish a chair of Icelandic language.

Jacob Johnson was appointed postmaster at Eddy, Roseau county, vice J. E. Budd, resigned.

The Minnesota Institute for Defectives at Faribault has decided to build a college for epileptics.

Roscoe Revier of Northfield picked up a live wire, and was unable to let go. He was badly burned before being rescued.

The postoffice at Golden Gate, Brown county, has been ordered discontinued. Mail will be sent to Sleepy Eye.

The general store of F. T. Breen of Hoffman was burglarized. Little money but many valuable papers were stolen.

The Rochester militia company will be reorganized, the city having agreed to aid in its support. Charles M. Stewart has been elected captain.

About twenty men at work with the surfacing crew of the St. Louis road at Monterey quit work. It is said they did not like the board furnished.

The Fillmore county jail is to be rebuilt, with all modern improvements, at a cost of \$10,400. The contract has been let to the Hawley Jail company of St. Louis.

The twelve-year-old son of Frank Seigle was found dead and in a badly mutilated condition at Clarissa. The Seigles have served a term at Stillwater for cruelty to their children.

George Kottke, aged fifteen, accidentally discharged a rifle at Benville. Gustav Schmidt, aged thirteen, was killed. William Schmidt, aged nine, and Sam Kottke, aged six, were severely wounded.

William Kast was arrested for cruelty to animals. He hired a livery team of Budke & Klanke to go to St. Peter from Le Sueur and drove furiously to New Ulm. Both horses died on the trip.

Mayor Tarbel of Winona has discharged Capt. McCafferty. It is alleged that the captain did his duty not wisely but too well, and arrested some of the mayor's friends. An inquiry by the council is threatened.

The electric light dam at Fergus Falls is undergoing extensive repairs, and the city will be in darkness for the next six weeks. All lights, both arc and incandescent, have been turned off, and lamps are in great demand at present.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis promises that, as soon as the Storm Lake extension of that system is completed, a road will be made to run the main line of the Watertown division through Redwood Falls. It now passes two miles north.

The Stillwater city council, at a recent meeting, decided to revoke the street railway franchise in that city, held by Messrs. Lowry and Goodrich, unless they immediately begin the construction of the South Stillwater line, as agreed when the franchise was granted.

The stock barn, granary and several outbuildings of Mrs. Pearl Kingston, in Marshon, were burned, with farming implements, 2,000 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of corn, 20 tons of hay, a horse and three calves. The loss is in the neighborhood of \$5,000; insured for \$2,500.

L. S. Landing of Glenwood has received notice that his application for a patent on an interest-computing machine has been granted free of all infringement. It is designed for use in banks and offices, and is considered practical and serviceable by those who have examined it.

The United States land office in St. Cloud has just issued its annual statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900. The statement shows that the amount of land within the district subject to homestead entry is 145,280 acres, located in the following counties: Aitkin, 24,640 acres; Crow Wing, 14,200 acres; Cass, 41,520 acres; Hubbard, 41,320 acres; Itasca, 5,280 acres; Kanabec, 480 acres; Mille Lacs, 46 acres; Morrison, 1,760 acres; Otter Tail, 100 acres; Pine, 11,840 acres; Todd, 560 acres; Wadena, 3,480 acres. During the year the amount disposed of by the government was 38,620 acres, though a great deal more than this has been taken up by homestead entries, upon which final proofs have not been filed. The cash sales amounted to 21,900 acres, and the homestead entries, 73,950 acres, a total of 95,250 acres. In addition to the amount now held for entry, there is included within the Indian reservations 426,120 acres, which will probably be thrown open to entry in the course of time.

A partial crop in the section around Glenwood is assured by the recent rains, and it will be fully up to the average in some sections. On sandy soil some wheat headed out when only a few inches high, but in many cases, grain which was partially headed out has shot up several inches since the rains. Oats were considered a total failure in many fields which now promise a yield of fifteen to twenty bushels. The flax crop is excellent. Hay, too, will be more plentiful.

The supreme court sustained the baking powder law as a proper exercise of the police power of the state.

IN HANDS OF A MOB.

Wild Scenes of Lawlessness in New Orleans.

New Orleans, July 27.—One negro dead, two fatally shot and twelve men seriously wounded is the known result of a mob's desperate work in this city last night. Three of the wounded are white men who were hit by stray bullets. Public feeling here reached its highest tension and armed mobs are searching various parts of the city in an effort to apprehend Robert Charles, the negro who shot and killed Police Captain Day and Patrolman Lamb at an early hour Tuesday morning. Last night the mob, composed of several thousand persons, formed at Lee Circle and marched out Charles avenue in a body. It was reported that the mob would march

Upon the Parish Prison

and demand the negro Pierce, who was with Charles when the police officers were killed. The police accordingly sent strong reinforcements to the prison, and when the mob made its appearance its leaders were told that an effort to secure the prisoner would be resisted to the bitter end. Wise counsel prevailed and the members of the throng slowly dispersed. Small bands of men and boys were soon formed and scattered to several parts of the city. Many negroes who were on the streets and riding on the cars were fired on with more or less success.

Put Down Disorders.

The police board was in session when news of the marching of the mobs was received, and an adjournment was promptly taken that the officers in attendance might hurry to the scene and put down the disorders. Not since the lynching of the Italians several years ago has there been such general excitement.

The funerals of Capt. Day and Patrolman Lamb took place yesterday afternoon and this served to intensify the feeling of their friends. There was talk of a mass meeting to be held at Lee Circle and discuss the killings, but officers were on hand and dispersed the meeting. At midnight the mayor issued a proclamation commanding all good citizens to go to their homes.

BATTLE AT PANAMA.

A Terrific Engagement Between Rebels and Troops.

Colon, Colombia, July 27.—A terrific engagement still continues between the government troops and the insurgents around Panama, but the former are still holding their ground. Many have been killed and wounded and a four hours' armistice was agreed upon to attend the wounded and bury the dead. The steamer Bernard Hill arrived at Colon from Savannah at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon with reinforcements for the government numbering 1,000. They were brought by Gen. Campos Serrano, governor of the department. The cable between Colon and Jamaica was repaired yesterday.

Government Cause Hopeless.

Kingston, Jam., July 26.—A reliable passenger by the steamer Darton, which arrived here yesterday from Colon, confirms the statement of the steamer Flandria to the extent that under an arrangement that Panama was to have been formally surrendered July 23, the rebels had surrounded the city. The government cause, the passenger says, is hopeless. The captain of the French steamer Souchet, at Panama, reported that the rebels had 1,500 men at Carozol, two miles from Panama, and 1,500 men nearer, splendidly armed and disciplined, while the government had only 700 troops. The principal government generals had left Panama by the British steamer Leander. Since July 18 the post and telegraph offices

Have Been Closed

at Colon and Panama by the rebel forces. The rebel generals, Herrera and Perra, who had asked and obtained an interview with Col. Shaler, superintendent of the Panama railway, told him that all trains conveying government troops would be held up. Col. Shaler replied that if the road was forced to carry troops the trains would be recognizable by a distinguishing flag by day and a light by night. The rebel generals were satisfied with this arrangement. Colon and Cartagena are without troops or government. With the fall of Baranquilla, which is expected to occur soon, the revolution will end in favor of the rebels.

SHOTS TWO MARINES.

They Got into a Quarrel With an Italian in Brooklyn.

New York, July 27.—Private Pierce of Company C, Fifth battalion, United States marines, was shot through the heart while in the lower Italian quarter of Brooklyn at 2:30 o'clock this morning. His companion, John Costigan, of the same company, is at the Long Island college hospital with a bullet wound in the elbow. The murder was done by Luigi Longobucco, an Italian, who is under arrest. The two marines got into a quarrel with the Italian and he shot them.

Maybury for Governor.

Detroit, Mich., July 27.—Hon. William C. Maybury, mayor of Detroit, last evening was tendered the Democratic nomination for governor of Michigan by the Democratic state convention with a unanimity which rendered useless the taking of any ballot. Not a dissenting voice was heard when the vote was on the proposition to nominate Maybury was acted upon, and the withdrawal of the half-dozen other gubernatorial candidates before any vote was taken was received by the delegates with loud cheers of approval.

Killed by a Wreck.

Benton, Ill., July 27.—One man was killed and fourteen passengers in the wreck of the Southern Illinois express on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad near here yesterday. Spreading rails threw the train on its side.

Activity at Navy Yard.

Valejo, Cal., July 27.—The force of the Mare Island navy yard is being increased. Orders have been received to rush work on the gunboat Alert, and it is presumed she is destined for service in Chinese waters.