

bankers and our State Department "are trying to use the army and navy of the United States to accomplish that which we have specifically refused to give them authority to do." If the Senate investigates the matter, as Senator Bacon asks, "dollar diplomacy" will be on the defensive, and further developments in Nicaragua may make the subject a national political issue.



China.

The National Assembly of the Republic of China decided on the 20th that the government's explanation in regard to the executions of General Chang Chen Wu and General Feng Wei, members of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's party, as reported last week, was unsatisfactory, and they demanded the attendance at the Assembly of the Premier and the minister of war for further explanation. The arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Peking on the 24th has, however, postponed threatened action on the part of the Assembly, looking to the impeachment of President Yuan Shi Kai for permitting the executions. As reported last week, Dr. Sun left Shanghai immediately upon hearing of the executions, with the avowed purpose of endeavoring to harmonize the differing political factions of the north and south. While the undertaking was regarded by his friends as full of danger for himself, and rumors of his assassination before he reached Peking were cabled to San Francisco, Dr. Sun was given a magnificent reception upon his arrival, and the Chinese of the northern party are showing him every attention. He immediately dined with President Yuan Shi Kai, and held a conference with him lasting several hours. At the conclusion of this conference the President and the ex-provisional President gave out a statement to the effect that they were in perfect accord on all important questions. Dr. Sun said he believed the execution of General Chang Chen Wu would not lead to trouble and that the north and the south would work together harmoniously in the future. Dr. Sun asserted that he considers that Yuan Shi Kai is eminently fitted for the Presidency. On leaving the palace he said, "Yuan is a great man and is worthy of support." [See current volume, page 803.]

NEWS NOTES

—Johann Schleyer, who in 1879 invented Volapuk, an artificial language for international use, died at Constantia, Baden, on the 20th.

—Fung Bue, pioneer Chinese aviator, was killed by the fall of his biplane, on the 25th, at Canton, China. [See current volume, page 442.]

—The unrest on the borders of European Turkey includes preparations for war in Montenegro, a Bulgarian congress urging the government of Bulgaria to mobilize against Turkey, and mass meetings in Serbia to protest against alleged massacres by Turks

on the Servian frontier. [See current volume, page 804.]

—A motion to dismiss a jury-bribery indictment against Clarence S. Darrow, on the ground that it charges substantially the same offense as that on which he has been tried and acquitted, was denied by the presiding judge of the Superior Court at Los Angeles on the 26th. [See current volume, page 804.]

—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, whose death was reported last week, left behind him sealed orders as to his successor. By these orders the General's eldest son, W. Bramwell Booth, who has been chief of staff since 1880, becomes commander-in-chief of the Army. Upon assuming command General Bramwell Booth renewed the commission of Commander Eva Booth as commander of the Salvation Army forces in the United States. [See current volume, page 804.]

PRESS OPINIONS

Work Worth Doing.

The Johnstown (Pa.) Daily Democrat (dem. Dem.), August 22.—Henry George hasn't been heard of much during the present session, but not because he was idle. He has been studying Washington assessments and a report is ready which is going to raise more kinds of trouble for the speculators than they ever dreamed of.



Nearest Things First.

Collier's Weekly (ind.), August 17.—We wholly refuse to see fundamental antagonism between the various free and progressive political forces in the field. The Wilson Democrats, the Progressive Republicans, and those of both parties who have joined the new party, all make for destruction of archaic obstacles and unjust privileges. On many measures designed to forward this cause, all Progressives are practically agreed. On some questions of importance there are differing views, and some of these questions cannot be postponed. . . . The foremost issues, we believe, will be the tariff and the trusts. On those two topics Collier's will express itself constantly during the next three months.



Last Call for Breakfast.

The (South Bend, Indiana) New Era (dem. Dem.), August 17.—The wisdom displayed by the Democratic leaders at Baltimore in selecting Wilson is becoming more apparent as the campaign progresses. Wilson's record is satisfactory to his party and is attractive to sane reformers of all parties. His leadership means a new life to the Democratic Party. If a reactionary had been selected in his stead the desertions from the party by this time would have left it a shadow, much like what is left of the Taft following. The hour of reform had come and it was fortunate for the Democracy that its lights were kept in order for the fateful hours at Baltimore. The battle will not be over, though,