

The Dalles Chronicle

MINISTERS ALIVE LAST WEDNESDAY

Their Stronghold Under Continued Shot and Shell, and Quick Relief Only Can Prevent Massacre of the Occupants by Chinese Troops.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The following statement has been given out at the state department:

On the 11th of this month, the state department communicated a brief message, asking tidings from Minister Conger, in the state department cipher.

A few minutes later Minister Wu appeared at the state department with a telegram from Taotai Shang, dated the 20th of July, which had been received by Minister Wu at 8:30 o'clock this morning, reading as follows:

"Your telegram was forwarded and, as requested, I send reply from the Tsung Li Yamen, as follows:

"Your telegram of the 15th day of this month (11th of July) received. The state 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 confined shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre."

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

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

WASHINGTON, July 20.—As soon as Minister Conger's cablegram had been translated, a cabinet council was called in the office of the secretary of state.

In reply to a question, Adjutant-General Corbin said it was impossible to say now what effect the receipt of Minister Conger's message would have on our military operations in China or our preparations here. He did not know but that increased military haste might precipitate matters in China.

The cabinet council between Secretaries Hay, Long and Root lasted about fifteen minutes. The postmaster-general and secretary of the treasury did not attend. No statement was given out after the conference.

LONDON, July 20.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says French gunboats have landed 300 Annamese soldiers to protect Shamlet, a suburb of Canton.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Secretary Long has sent the following cablegram to Admiral Remey:

"Conger telegraphs that he is under fire in British legation, Peking. Use and urge every means possible for immediate relief."

POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES

Will Endeavor to Prevent Partition of Chinese Empire.

CHICAGO, July 20.—A special to the Times Herald from Washington says: A result of the cabinet meetings held Tuesday and Thursday, the policy of the United States concerning the great world's crisis in China is fully and definitely decided upon. The substance of this policy is as follows:

- 1. The United States will under no circumstances join in the partition of China among the powers.
2. The United States will use all its influence, to the utmost extent, short of war with European nations, to prevent dismemberment of the Chinese Empire.
3. The United States proposes to have a veritable settlement of the Chinese troubles, and its voice will ever be raised against spoliation and in favor of preservation of China's territorial and governmental unity, along the lines set forth in Secretary Hay's note to the powers, dated July 3.
4. The United States will not declare

war upon China on account of the showing of facts, no matter what other powers may do.

5. The United States, acting independently and for itself, will co-operate with the other powers in restoring order in China, in punishing all officials, high or low, found guilty of crimes against human life, and in setting up a stable government that may give guarantees of security of life and property and freedom of trade.

THERE WILL BE NO DELAY

Whether the Conger Message is Genuine or Not.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—While the state department maintains the greatest confidence in the authenticity of the message from Minister Conger, yet many people well versed into diplomatic matters doubt that this message was a reply to Secretary Hay's cablegram. Those who doubt the Conger message are at a loss to understand why such a message was sent, if not authentic, which view is taken by the state department. Such a message, if a forgery, would not tend to delay, the only object which could be hoped for by those who would penetrate the deception and this fact tends to confirm the genuineness of the message, which, if not an answer to Hay, must have been delayed in transmission or held up purposely.

The story put afloat here this morning that the ministers were safely confirmed in an underground passage from the British legation to the imperial palace is ridiculous. It is absurd to think such a passage could exist without it being known before the present emergency arose, and if the legation has fallen it is reasonable to suppose such a passage-way has been exposed and likewise destroyed. But even the existence of such a passage is pronounced absurd, and the story, emanating, as it did, without reason or guise of truth behind it, has been held up to ridicule in Washington.

Senator Borows, of Michigan, says McKinley will carry the country by 500,000 majority, deriving his main strength from expansion. Imperialism, he says, is not worrying the people, who will stand by McKinley and support his Philippine policy as against the wild cries of the democrats. He thinks the 16-to-1 provision in the democratic platform will tend to swell the republican majorities.

Salmon Too Identical.

ASTORIA, July 22.—The fishing situation during the past few days has changed materially for the better, with the result that today the cold-storage men have been almost blocked; indeed, one, Alter, was blocked. The different canneries in operation packed more fish today than any day during the season, and while none of these were blocked, they were busy all day. If signs are at all reliable, the run will continue for several days to come. The increased run has been especially appreciated by the gillnet fishermen, while the catch of the traps has fallen off. The seines scoop up everything that comes along, and the present low water is to their advantage.

Castle Crag 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.

War Vessel for Fishermen.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 22.—There was little practical change in the salmon fishermen's strike situation today. Late reports from Stevenson show that the fishermen have refused the latest offer of the cannery to pay 20 cents a fish throughout the season. The men still hold out for 25 cents. Violence is threatened if the Japanese go out to fish tomorrow, as it is reported they will do. A war vessel may be sent from Victoria to protect them.

California Wheat Crop.

STOCKTON, Cal., July 20.—Experts in this city say that the wheat crop in California this season is going to fall below the estimates made six weeks or two months ago. This shortage is said to be due in some localities to several days of hot weather that swept over the state about the time the wheat was what is termed "in the milk." In other sections an insect worked on the roots of the plant until it reduced the sap in the stalks and affected the grain.

PROPHESIES INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

Believes America Should Prepare for a Crash Which Will Involve the Whole World in a Gigantic Struggle for Supremacy.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Lieutenant C. A. Totten, at New Haven, Conn., had given utterance to a string prophecy on the present international crisis. He calls the China war the "dragonian one," and compares the reported massacres in China with "the crime of Benjamin against one lone woman, for which all Israel nearly wiped out the whole tribe."

"Universal war before universal peace; it must come," says Lieutenant Totten. The duty of the civilized world is to advance against the barbaric world. I believe that confusion will confuse itself more and more, year by year, until the long predicted crash involves all concerned in a world-wide conflagration, infinitely hotter than the Hoboken fire and just as sudden.

"America must prepare for it. The Anglo-Saxon world must be in at this death—England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales; the Germans if they are wise, for it is the balance of power that is on deck. It is our last chance and we must improve it, our best opportunity.

"We are at the parting of the ways. Events have thrust us into outside matters; the very operations of peace, the natural ones—commerce and vast international treaties of reciprocity all over the world—have silently involved us in a maze of environments that we cannot escape. Before its magnitude the destruction of the Maine was naught. Yet the latter led logically to a war just as our own revolution. Why, even Mr. Bryan took up arms then. Now, shall we withdraw from the concert of the civilized nations in this common demand for future peace and vast indemnity for the recent outrage, or not?"

"Let us prepare for war, anyway, if we have any sense left. Matters of party policy are but fardels before such issues as confront us."

MISSIONARIES HAD THEIR SHARE

Some Were Also Politicians and Were Too Grasping.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, speaking on the Chinese situation, said: "The missionary has had his share in fomenting this trouble, and must bear his share of the blame. Some of the missionaries have been politicians, as well as Christians, and their grasping, selfish attitude has helped to bring about the present condition.

"Very significant is the attitude of the Chinese toward the Roman Catholic missionaries. I know of many Roman Catholics who have done really good work. But it is true, unfortunately, that the whole Roman Catholic propaganda is political, as well as religious. This has been prominently exemplified only recently in the Philippines, where all the influence of that great church of the ages was used for self-aggrandizement. So it is in Peru, Chile and Brazil. There missions are simply monasteries of the Middle ages over again.

"In China, the Roman Catholics have suffered, first, because they meddled with Chinese politics. Ministers Wu said: 'You would not tolerate a band of Chinese missionaries coming to New York and preaching Confucianism and meddling with the government.'

"I point this out because I want you to understand that there are two ideas to the question. Of the 194 Presbyterian missionaries who were in the dangerous zone, all but nineteen are now in places of safety. Notwithstanding the great commotion, the persecution has not been directed primarily against the Protestants, because as a rule they do their work as peaceable servants of Christ.

"We have now 7000 missionaries in China, 1500 schools and 124 hospitals and dispensaries, at which latter places last year were treated 1,700,000 persons. You cannot go through a village in China without meeting some one who has been blessed by the Christian church."

Beckham Nominated in Kentucky. LEXINGTON, Ky., July 20.—Governor

Beckham was nominated by the democratic state convention for governor of Kentucky by acclamation at 3:05 this morning. After the names of Judge Black, of Barbourville, and Judge Tarvin, of Newport, were placed in nomination the roll call of the convention was begun. When McLean county was reached at 3 o'clock, Beckham had the 547 votes necessary to nominate. Then Black and Tarvin's names were withdrawn and the latter moved that the nomination of Beckham be made unanimous. The motion carried, and Beckham was escorted to the platform, where he made his speech of acceptance.

MINISTERS ARE REPORTED SAFE

Prince Tuan's Alleged Message is in Conflict With That of Minister Conger, However, in Saying There Was No Fighting in Peking Last Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The state department has made public the following: The state department has received a dispatch from Mr. Goodnow, the consul-general at Shanghai, dated today, saying that Prince Tuan wires that an officer of the Tsung Li Yamen saw all the ministers on the 18th; that none was injured and that no attack was at that time being made. He does not say to whom the dispatch of Prince Tuan was addressed and it is to a certain extent at variance with the dispatch of Mr. Conger of that date, describing the legation as being under fire at the time."

NEW YORK, July 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Che Foo, July 21, says that the captain of a British steamer who has just arrived from New Chwang, reports that there arrived there on Thursday a Chinaman professing to be a foreigner's servant who escaped from Peking on the 12th, on which date the British legation was destroyed and the foreigners butchered. The story is credited in New Chwang.

Another telegram came from the governor of Shan Tung last night. He says: "I have received definite information from Peking that all the ministers are well and there is no illness among them. The proper Chinese authorities are devising means for their rescue and protection.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 23.—Two encounters are reported to have taken place between British and Chinese forces near Wei Hai Wei. The latter, it was reported, were repulsed after a stubborn encounter. No dates are given.

M. Kratzki, the engineer of the Eastern Chinese Railway, telegraphing from Algatechi, in the Trans-Baikal territory, under date of Friday, July 20, reports the occupation of Chailar, by Chinese troops. The Russians, according to this dispatch, continued to concentrate at Charbin.

Were Alive Friday.

BRUSSELS, July 21.—The minister of foreign affairs, M. Faveran, has received the following telegram from Shanghai, dated today:

"A telegram from the governor of Shan Tung announces that the ministers were safe July 20. They were under the guardianship of the Chinese authorities. Li Hung Chang has arrived at Shanghai."

The Charge d'Affairs at the Chinese legation here this morning received a telegram from the Chinese minister at London, saying he had just received a telegram from the Governor of Shan Tung, transmitted by Sheng, the administrator of telegraphs at Shanghai, stating that all the foreign representatives at Peking were safe. This dispatch was communicated to the Belgian minister of foreign affairs. The official demanded that he be put in communication with the Belgian minister at Peking and informed as to the situation of the Belgian refugees in that city.

Boers Beaten Off.

LONDON, July 22.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, July 22.—The Boers made a determined attack yesterday to destroy a post at Trail Head, thirteen miles east of Heidelberg, which they attacked with three guns and a pom-pom and surrounded. They were, however, beaten off after a sharp engagement, before reinforcements summoned from Heidelberg had arrived."

Remember

That Chas. Stabling is still doing a retail business at his new place. He sells in quantities to suit all customers, from one bottle to a barrel. Family orders delivered promptly.

MINISTER BLAMES THE MISSIONARY

Says He Meddles in the Civil Affairs of the Orient.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Rev. Robert S. MacArthur, preaching in Calvary Baptist church last night on the subject, "Why Do the Heathen Rage?" said: "The heathen are raging, that is certain. China amazes the world. Five years ago Japan alone annihilated her army and navy. Now she defies all the European nations. China has been called the riddle of the world; the jest of all nations.

"Doubtless some missionaries are largely responsible for the present uprising in China. All the missionaries who refrain from civil functions and confine themselves simply to preaching the gospel are not responsible for these uprisings. They follow the American idea of separation of church and state. They do not interfere between their converts and the Chinese authorities.

"Those missionaries who combine civil authority with their religious instruction are partly responsible for the condition of things in China. More than 300 years ago in Japan the Roman Catholic church persecuted the Japanese who refused to accept their doctrine. At this moment similar things are at work in China. Bishops have told tales which excite the jealousy of the Chinese.

"Some missionaries actually sit as justices in civil cases and impose fines and other temporal penalties. They soon surround themselves with all the dignity of kingly rulers, and the native heathen do not distinguish between the ecclesiastical and civil rule. The result is an anti-foreign feeling. An anti-foreign spirit has been developed, and no one can help but see that the first attack is made upon the missionaries who have assumed to exercise civil power.

"I was in China five years ago this month, and many of the conditions I examined on the spot. I also have the testimony of missionaries on the ground at this moment. They declare the bishops secure the release of their converts when brought before the courts, and that the authority of the French consul is often invoked to emphasize the demands of the priests and bishops.

"The same thing is going on in the Philippines at the present time. The war with Japan put an end for a time to a contemplated uprising of the Boxers. Only missionaries who confine themselves simply to their religious duties can do any good. Those who do not only provoke uprisings on the part of the jealous Asiatic.

"Nothing is clearer than that it is the duty of the United States government to protect the lives and property of its citizens. Great Britain has invoked the admiration of the whole world because of her army and navy, and because she is ready to protect her citizens with them."

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To Hold For Better Price.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 22.—The Post tomorrow will print reports from various points in Texas showing that 2,000,000 pounds of wool are being held in the state because the growers refuse to accept current prices and that there is perhaps as much more held at uncounted points and on ranches. The growers have held a conference and agreed to hold the entire clip indefinitely.

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"I have been in the drug business for twenty years and have sold most all of the proprietary medicines of any note. Among the entire list I have never found anything to equal Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for all stomach and bowel troubles," says O. W. Wakefield, of Columbus, Ga. "This remedy cured two severe cases of cholera morbus in my family and I have recommended and sold hundreds of bottles of it to my customers to their entire satisfaction. It affords a quick and sure cure in a pleasant form." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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JANICE MEREDITH.

With Some Unexpected Additions and a Few Apologies to the Author.

"Give Mr. Lord Clowes thy hand child," commanded her mother, sternly, "and place a seat for him by the fire."

Janice pulled one of the chairs nearer to the chimney breast and then returned to her quilting frame, at which she had been working when the interruption came.

"Didst hear me?" demanded Mrs. Meredith.

Janice turned and faced the three bravely, though her voice trembled a little as she replied: "I will not shake his hand."

"Yoicks! Here's a kettle of fish!" ejaculated the commissary. "What's wrong?"

"Janice, do as thou art told, or go to thy room," ordered her mother.

The girl opened her lips as if about to protest, but courage failed her, and she hurriedly left the parlor, and, flying to her chamber, she threw herself on her bed and wept out her sense of wrong on her pillow.

"Doggone it," she sobbed, "I'm not going to be the first American girl to marry an English lord, I don't care what they say. Mommy wants it, and so does daddy, and now it's up to his lordship to get me, but, oodbodkins, I vow I'll not set the pegs for posterity in this un-Americanizing business, so there," and Janice, chuckling softly to herself, stifled her sobs once more in the pillow.

The Wife Saved It.

The story is going the rounds that when Rudyard Kipling had written "The Recessional," which the editor of the London Times declared to be the greatest poem written in the nineteenth century, and which the whole world has received as one of the greatest pieces of work in our time, he was so depressed by its shortcomings that he threw the first rough copy into the waste paper basket. But Mrs. Kipling has learned her husband pretty well, and so she rescued it. But for Mrs. Kipling we should have had no "Recessional!" Many a great deed that has lifted humanity upward has been nourished and saved from defeat by the watchful and loving sympathy of some unknown member of the home partnership.

Cured Rice.

Boil one cupful of thoroughly washed rice in two cupfuls of boiling salted water. Boil for ten minutes and strain. Add a teaspoonful of curry powder that has been rubbed smooth in cold water. Boil the rice thus seasoned in a cupful of stock until tender. Strain, place in the center of a platter, cover with the liquor and sprinkle with chopped parsley.—N. Y. Tribune.

Why She Was Barred Out.

Mlle. Jeanne Chauvin, who is a professor of law in a woman's college in Paris, has sent a special invitation to the Portins of this country to visit the exposition. Mlle. Chauvin is slight, pretty and winsome. In her plea before a famous Parisian judge for admission to the bar she said: "I am a doctor of philosophy, a doctor of laws and a bachelor of literature." The judge replied: "I do not doubt your word in the least. You are indeed an encyclopedia in miniature, and we are all so afraid of you that I am sure it will be impossible to admit you to our ranks."—Saturday Evening Post.

No Advantage.

Young Bride (reassuringly)—I can never begin to tell you all the exquisite delights of married life. Now, every night, after dinner, my husband sings to me. Old Maid—My teakettle does the same thing.—N. Y. World.

Scalloped Fish.

Take any cold boiled fish, fill an earthen dish with layers of fish, bread crumbs, butter, salt and pepper; have bread crumbs on top; nearly fill the dish with milk, bake in a quick oven half an hour.—Good Housekeeping.

Mamma's Plan.

Little Ella was telling of her domestic economy. "Oh, yes, mamma is very kind to us. Every time we take cod-liver oil without crying she gives us a penny each."

"And what do you do with the penny?" asked the aunt.

"Mamma buys some more oil with it," said little Ella.—Collier's Weekly.

A Case of Lockup.

Quincy—To write poetry you must have the hair of a poet.

DeFour—That's funny! I saw Serbo's wife with a handful of his hair the other day, but no one ever heard of her writing poetry.—Chicago Evening News.

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