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MARCHING ON PEKIN

Allied Forces Due at the Capital in Eight Days.

ITALY'S KING ASSASSINATED.

"All Safe and Well" is Conger's Last Message, Dated July 16.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 1. The allies are marching on to Pekin. They are 18 miles from Tien Tsin and should reach Pekin in eight days. All the Europeans have taken refuge in the inner inclosure of the imperial city.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The report from London that the British and American troops at Tien Tsin are preparing an advance within 48 hours aroused much interest here, says the Washington correspondent of the Times. The announcement seems to have been made just before the arrival of General Chaffee at Taku, and gives rise to some interesting theories concerning the effect of that commander's presence.

It is generally believed that if the London report is correct, the arrival of General Chaffee at Tien Tsin will mean the instant cutting loose of the British and American forces from the other troops and their advance under General Chaffee's command. General Chaffee has not gone to China to act as a subordinate commander in an allied army, unless that should commend itself to him as the best way of carrying out his own purposes. He is expected to carry out the policy of the United States without regard to its acceptability to the other powers.

The United States has already indicated its impatience of delay and its desire for an immediate forward movement. It has represented to the other powers that such an advance should be made, and has directed Admiral Remy to urge this policy on the other commanders. It is certain that an immediate advance is the American policy and that the Americans only await General Chaffee's arrival to begin carrying it out. The extraordinary rapidity of General Chaffee's movements show that he realizes how much depends on his prompt arrival.

The American General, then, arrives in China with two well-defined intentions—first, to begin a forward movement in accordance with the instructions of his government at once; second, to act as if he were the only military commander in China, unless the other commanders fall in with his views. Should they do so, of course General Chaffee will be only too glad of their help; but he goes to Tien Tsin as an independent commander, bent on following out his own policy and not as one of the discordant "allied army."

The report from London indicates to the people who are aware of this state of affairs that the British are ready to fall in with General Chaffee's plans, even if the other Europeans and the Japanese are not. It is surmised that the British are not aware of Chaffee's intentions and are now preparing to join the Americans in an advance as soon as Chaffee arrives and orders it, and that this is the meaning of the report. It is quite certain, however, that Chaffee will begin a forward movement at the earliest possible moment, whether the British join him or not.

It is suggested that the British have been anxious for a forward movement, but have been handicapped by the smallness of their numbers, and that they hail the news of Chaffee's arrival as a means of carrying out their desires. They will then be no longer compelled to defer to the conflicting wishes of the other commanders.

It is concluded from all this that Chaffee will be the commander of the American and British forces when he marches out of Tien Tsin. Perhaps by the time he arrives there some of the other forces may be willing to join him, but in any event the American general will carry out his own policy, glad of support if he can get it, but determined on fulfilling his instructions, even if he does it single-handed.

MONZA, Italy, July 30.—King Humbert has been assassinated. He was shot here last evening at 10:45 by a man named Angelo Bressi, and died at 11:30.

The King had been attending a distribution of prizes in connection with a gymnastic competition about 10 o'clock. He had just entered his carriage with his aid-de camp, amid the cheers of the crowd, when he was struck by three revolver shots fired in quick succession. One pierced the heart of His Majesty, who fell back and expired in a few minutes.

The assassin was immediately arrested and was with some difficulty saved from the fury of the populace. He gave his name as Angelo Bressi, describing himself as of Prato, in Tuscany. He cynically avowed his guilt of the crime.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The War Department this afternoon received two

cabigrams from China. The first read: "Che Foo (undated)—Corbin, Washington—Tien Tsin, July 27.—A message just received from Conger says: 'Since July 16, by agreement, there has been no firing. I have provisions for several weeks, but little ammunition. All safe and well.'"

"I (Daggett) report that the allied forces will soon advance. There is practically no looting by the Americans, and no unnecessary killing. The India arrived July 26. Order McCann, Sladen, both Allens, Mitchell and Brice to join regiment here."
DAGGETT.

The second read: "Che Foo—Corbin, Washington, Tien Tsin, July 30.—The Flintshire arrived July 27. Two hundred and fifty-seven of the Ninth Infantry are sick. Two doctors, 100 hospital corps men and 20 signal men are needed. There is unavoidable delay in unloading the transports. Foreign troops are arriving."
"DAGGETT."

The official confirmation of the news that Minister Conger is safe and well, coupled with the statement that he has provisions for several weeks, and that the firing on the legation has ceased, is welcome intelligence. The information from Colonel Daggett was promptly telegraphed to President McKinley at Canton.

The last message which came from Minister Conger was that obtained through the intermediary of Minister Wu, and was supposed to be dated the 18th, before which time nothing had come since June 12.

It is expected all the energies of the government as well as those of other nations will be concentrated for an advance on Pekin. The proportion of men of the Ninth infantry reported by Colonel Daggett as sick is considered an alarming and unfortunate feature of the situation. Officials are unable to account for it, but agree that it may delay an immediate movement forward. The delays in unloading the transports are also discouraging and vexatious. Surgeon-General Sternberg already had given public notice that 100 contract surgeons were wanted for service in the East, but it will be some time before they can be on the ground, ready for active work.

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Regular July, 1900, Session of the Commissioners of Clackamas County.

J. R. Morton, Chairman; T. B. Kiffin, John Lewellen, Commissioners.

(Continued from last week.)

In the matter of the petition for treasurer to return \$3.57 paid in on delinquent tax by G. E. Hargreaves—The board being fully advised, it is ordered that the county treasurer return to G. E. Hargreaves \$3.57 as shown by said petition filed herein.

In the matter of the petition of J. C. Schmidt for damages by road supervision in district No. 9.—This matter coming on to be heard upon petition of J. C. Schmidt for damages caused by blasting upon the county road, said blasting having killed for the said Schmidt a calf of the value of \$10. And the board being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered that said petition be granted, and that a warrant be drawn therefor in the sum of \$10.

The petition of Sarah E. Valentine for county aid was denied.

In the matter of the petition of O. P. S. Plummer for correction of assessment—The same was laid over for the present.

In the matter of scalp bounties or claims filed—The board having examined the same and being fully advised, it is ordered that said claims be allowed in the sum of \$12.

In the matter of the reports of the county clerk and recorder for June—The board having examined said reports and being fully advised, it is ordered that the same be and are hereby approved and accepted, said reports showing collections as follows:

Clerk \$171 25
Recorder 207 85

In the matter of the petition of W. L. Molloy for a county road 40 feet wide and two miles more or less in length, extending from the center of the Brown school-house road to the center of the Molalla road, said road known as the Partlow and Myers road. It was shown that the necessary notices had been posted, also a bond filed for \$1000 according to law. It was ordered that Robert Hughes, George Lazelle and C. C. Williams be appointed as viewers to meet at the beginning point on the 30th day of July, 1900, and subscribe to a written oath of office, administered by John W. Meldrum, deputy county surveyor, he being appointed by the board to survey said road, before proceeding to view and locate said road and report in writing at the next regular term of this board.

In the matter of the Fenton road—It appearing to the board that there are claims or petitions for damages filed, (in case said report is accepted), by R. M. Cooper for \$50, and John Kalbfleisch for \$50; therefore it is ordered by the board that Al Cooke, James Roots and W. H. Smith be appointed viewers of damages to meet on the premises of R. M. Cooper on Saturday, July 21st, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., to view and assess the damages to the lands of R. M. Cooper and John Kalbfleisch, by reason of the location of the said road through the same and report the same to this board at its next regular session.

In the matter of the resurvey of the Folsom road—It is ordered and adjudged that the field notes and plat of said survey be recorded and in all respects approved, and that the said view and survey be established as a county road, and that the expense of said view and survey be paid by Clackamas county, and the clerk is hereby ordered to issue the necessary notices to the supervisor of the district or districts in which said road lies to open and work the same. All that portion of road heretofore described and asked to be vacated, be and the same is hereby in all respects ordered vacated on the opening of said road. The following expense account of said survey was allowed:

F. J. Harkerider \$ 2 80
George D. Ely 2 60
Gus Burnett 2 50
Isaac Foster 2 00
R. H. Currier 4 00
H. A. Githens 4 00
John W. Meldrum 14 40
Total \$32 80

In the matter of the Pankey road—It is ordered and adjudged that the field notes and plat of said survey be recorded and in all respects approved, and that the said view and survey be established as a county road, and that the expense of said view and survey be paid by Clackamas county, and the clerk is hereby ordered to issue the necessary notices to the supervisor of the district or districts, in which said road lies to work the same, and all that portion of said road asked to be vacated, be and the same is hereby in all respects ordered vacated on the opening of said road. The following expense account was allowed:

F. J. Harkerider \$ 5 00
Geo. D. Ely 5 00
Gus Burnett 4 80
Isaac Foster 4 00
R. D. Gibson 4 00
Rolla Douglas 4 00
Total \$41 40

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