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MAY GET NEWS SOON

Communication With Peking Practically Reopened. COURSE OF AMERICANS COMMENDED

LONDON, July 22. A. M.—Sir Chih Chen, the Chinese Minister in London, took the unusual step yesterday of paying a Sunday call at the Foreign Office.

Solution of Mystery Soon. Thus, according to the Secretary of the Chinese Legation, a few days more should bring a solution of the great mystery.

Frightened by Fall of Tien Tsin. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail declares that the Chinese officials are thoroughly frightened by the fall of Tien Tsin, and desire to open negotiations.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS China. The Chinese Embassy in London says that communication with Peking is practically re-established, and that messages from the Ministry there may be expected at any time.

Foreign. Colombian rebels are reported to have taken both Colon and Panama. The United States Navy has received word that the Spanish fleet has sailed for the Lower Columbia.

Domestic. Senator Pettigrew has a letter from a Filipino General, purporting to be from the Spanish War, in which the Admiral promised Philippine independence.

Peking massacres, every official, down to the humblest retainer, has been sworn to secrecy upon the penalty of wholesale executions should the details leak out.

THE MISSIONARIES' SHARE. Some Were Also Politicians and Were Too Grasping. NEW YORK, July 22.—Rev. Dr. A. Woodbury Halley, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, speaking on the Chinese situation, said: "The missionary has had his share in fomenting this trouble, and must bear his share of the blame."

LI HUNG CHANG, GREAT CHINESE V ICEROY. SHANGHAI, July 22.—Li Hung Chang, who arrived here today on the steamer Anping from Hong Kong, was received officially.

State of Siege in Siberia. ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—An imperial ukase issued today orders the state of siege be proclaimed in the military districts of Siberia, Turkestan and Semiretsk, and that all reservists in those districts be called to the colors.

Forces Collecting at Hong Kong. HONG KONG, July 22.—The Second Hong Kong Brigade has been ordered to remain here. The British first-class battleship Goldth and two Indian transports have arrived at Hong Kong.

TEXAS WOOLGROWERS HAVE ABOUT 4,000,000 POUNDS IN STORE. HOUSTON, Tex., July 22.—The Post-tomorrow print reports from various points in Texas showing the 4,000,000 pounds of wool are being held in the state because the growers refuse to accept current prices and that there is a possibility of a strike.

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ASK M'KINLEY'S AID

Direct Appeal From the Emperor of the Chinese. SIMILAR TO THAT SENT FRANCE

WASHINGTON, July 22.—President McKinley has received what purport to be a direct appeal from the Chinese Imperial Government to use his good offices to extricate that government from the position in which it has been placed as a result of the Boxer uprising.

exact text of the appeal made by the Emperor of China to France, as outlined in the cable dispatches of yesterday, has not been made known here, it is believed that the dispatch to the President is similar in terms.

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PROMISE OF DEWEY

Filipino General Says It Was for Independence. LETTER TO PETTIGREW AND HOAR

STOUX FALLS, S. D., July 22.—A letter has been received by Senator R. F. Pettigrew from one of the leading commanders of the Filipino army, giving additional light on the claims of the Filipino people as to the understanding that was arrived at between them and the Americans before the opening of hostilities in the Philippines.

WEEK IN THE PHILIPPINES. Doses Americans Killed—Amnesty Resolutions Sent to Aguinaldo.

Trade of the Philippines. WASHINGTON, July 22.—The monthly bulletin on the trade of the Philippine Islands for the six months ending December 31, 1899, shows the total value of exports was \$2,971,734.

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