HASTE DANGEROUS.

a General Uprising.

you may soon nope to near direct from
the Ministers.

"It must be borne in mind that besides
the Boxers there is a large force of irregular troops in Pekin, neither regulars
nor rebels, but very dangerous to "he Imperial Government. Therefore I would advise the allied forces not to proceed without pour pariers with certain high offi-

out pour pariers with certain high offi-cials who are acquainted with things. I see talk of vengeance upon the Chinese. If you could secure those who are actu-ally responsible for the Boxer move-ment I would say nothing, but is it possible for the allies to make the elec-

"Id Hung Chang's statement that the lives of the Ministers would be endangered by such an advance is not a piece of diplomacy, but a serious prediction for the consequences of such an action. General Lung Tuh Slang is known to be anti-foreign in his sentiments, but we

cannot dispense with his services; and having a large number of soldiers under him, he might order a European massa-

cre, which the Emperor and Empress

China.

that may arise.

hostages.

disposed to negotiate.

beneath its surface.

he Tsung li Yamun refuses to deliver me sages in cipher to the Ministers at Pekin.

Chinese troops bombarded Blasvestchensk the

capital of Amur, July 26 and 28. The Rus stans have burned several villages.

Foreign.

Anent the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburs

Domestic.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, died at New

Political.

Both Rumes and Frink claim to have carried King County, Wash., for Republican Guber-natorial indersement.

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CHINESE ATTACK HAS CEASED

Sickness in the Ninth Infantry May Delay the Operations of the International Forces.

WASHINGTON, July 31 .- The War Department this afternoon received two cablegrams from China. The first read: "Che Foo (undated).-Corbin, Washing-ton-Tien Tsin, July M.-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

cial dispatches today have borne out our repeated assurances, which I knew from the beginning were sincerely meant. Now that while the Chinese Emperor could avoid making a statement of facts, such facts as he stated and states must be true. I hope that the recommendation made by Id Hung Chang that the Ministers should either be sent to Tien Tsin or be placed in telegraphic communication with their Governments will obtain. I am a great friend of Sir Robert Hart no unnecessary killing. The India arrived July 26. Order McCann, Sladen, both Allens, Mitchell and Brice to join regiment DAGGETT." The second read: "Che Foo.-Corbin, tion with their Governments will obtain. I am a great friend of Sir Robert Hart and I knew he was still alive; but I wanted to convince his friends in this country, and I tried hard to get a cipher telegram from him. At less Sheng told me the legations were surrounded and it was impossible to get in or out without permission from the throne. I have applied to the throne and hope to get permission in a few days. Consequently you may soon hope to hear direct from the Ministers.

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 30 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, was 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

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 aiarming and unfortunate feature of the situation. Officials are unable to account for it, but agree that it may delay an impediate 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.

CIPHER MESSAGES PROHIBITED. Only Telegrams in Plain Language Will Be Delivered at Pekin.

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CHE POO, July 31.—The Governor of Shan Tung has telegraphed to United States Consul Fowler that the Tsung li Yamun desires him to notify the Consuls that as the military operations at Pekin and Tien Tsin are unsettled, 'only pressure in main language. messages in plain language, without cipher or reference to military affairs, will be delivered to the Ministers." The Governor thinks that the rebels

occupy Pao Ting Fu, and Consul Fowler fears that the missionaries there may have been murdered.

BRUSSELS, Aug. L.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. de Favreua, has re-ceived the following dispatch from M. de Cartier de Marchien, secretary of the Belgian Legation in China, now in Shanghat, dated July 31:

"July 22 the Consul-General of the United States telegraphed the United States Minister at Pekin, through the intermediary of the local authorities Sheng, the Taotai, has informed him the Tsung Il Yamun refused to transmit mes-sages in cipher to the Minister, and re-quires that all dispatches be in ordinary

GERMANY FOR PROMPT ACTION. Willing to March Her Troops Under

Any Acceptable Commander. BERLIN, July 31.—Hope regarding the security of the foreigners in Pekin now runs high in Berlin. The German For-eign Office no longer doubts the reports from various quarters that the Ministers with the exception of Baron von Ketteler, are alive. The papers take the same view and urge that there should be no delay in the advance upon Pekin. The Foreign Office is deeply concerned at the failure to agree upon Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces. A high offi-

cial said today:
"The civilized world will look on with astonishment if the rescue of the members of the Legations is delayed or per haps frustrated by such a trifling ter. Germany is ready to march troops under any commander acceptable

to the powers.

The Munich Allegmaine Zeitung prints a special claiming that the United States a special claiming that the United States Government is endeavoring to force the appointment of Major-General Chaffee as Commander-in-Chief, but that Germany and Japan oppose. The Associated Press is authorized to say that so far as Ger-many is concerned this statement is ab-solutely untrue. The Foreign Office confirms the report that the advance to Pekin has been postponed by the Admirals for military and climatic reasons.

The Chinese Minister, Lu Hai Huan, received today a dispatch purporting to come from the Pekin government, saying that the foreign Legations would be sent to Tien Tsin whenever the preparations for their safe escort were completed and open hostilities ceased. Meanwhile permission will be given them to communicate freely with their Governments. This dispatch was immediately transmitted to the German Foreign Office. Communication between Che Foo and

Shanghal has been re-established and a dispatch from Che Foo, dated the 25th, confirms the report that the Russians captured the forts at New Chwang on

AMUR CAPITAL BONMBARDED. Chinese and Russians Have Several

Engagements.

ST. PETERSBURG, July M.—Official reports have been received here that the Chinese again bombarded Biagovest-chensk, capital of the Amur Government. July M and M. The Russians replied, and reinforcements were then approaching.

July M a steamer arrived at Lu Cha Su towing three boats from Harbits with 1200. reinforcements were then approaching.

July 25 a steamer arrived at Lu Chu Su towing three boats from Harbin with 1809 refugees, including 150 side and wounded.

Longahoremen's strike weakens. refugees, including 120 sick and wounded.

A Russian force crossed the frontier at

Abagailu, July 25. Work on the railway has been resumed there. The Russians have burned some Chi-

nese villages, and expelled a Chinese gar-rison of 2000 from the fortress at Bantjun, capturing several Krupp guns, which have not yet been mounted, the carriages of four naval guns, and a quantity of United States Government of four naval guns, and a quantity of ammunition.

The Russian Consul at Kuddja sends the following, under date of July 37: "The Governor of Kuddja received orders from the Empress to exterminate the Russians, and the Chinese were preparing to execute the command, but since the arrival of Russian troops for the protection of the Consulate matters have been quiet."

The Russian Consul at Kashgar reports an alarming state of affairs there, owing Favors Immediate Advance.

GEN. CHAFFEE HAS FULL POWER

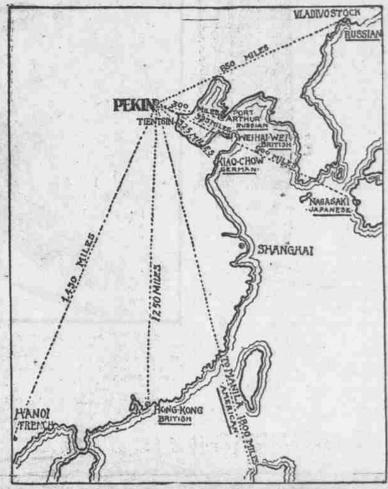
Great Britain Acquiences in Secre an alarming state of affairs there, owing to the excitement among the Chinese tary Hay's Suggestion That Forces Be Sent to the Capital.

WASHINGTON, July 3L-Doubt has To Move on Pekin Would Provoke given way to a feeling akin to certainty given way to a feeling akin to certainty that the Legationers at Pekin and the gallant marines who managed to reach the Chinese capital just in the nick of LONDON, July SL-A member of the Chinese Legation gave an extended inter-view to the Associated Press today in the ourse of which he said:
"I am exceedingly glad that your official dispatches today have borne out our

Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, saw Lord Salisbury this evening, and ascertained his views with regard to the changes in the Chinese situation brought about by the direct dispatches from Pekin. Lord Salisbury assured Mr. Choate that Great Britain had no intention of delaying the advance on Pekin, nor, so far as he knew, had any other power. Lord Salisbury enhad any other power. Lord Salisbury en-tirely acquiesced in Secretary Hay's de-sire that the advance be undertaken as speedily as possible. He had no intention of bargaining with China in any way.

shape or form until the Ministers were safe under their own military escort. The Associated Press correspondent here understands that China is making strenuous efforts to come to some agree-ment with the powers, previous to hand-ing over the Ministers, but this will not be considered for a moment. Once Pekin has been reached and the Ministers have regained their liberty, the powers have agreed, aggression will cease and reparatime were not only alive July 23, but in gations except in so far as all govern-

FOREIGN BASES IN AND NEAR CHINA.



RELATION TO PEKIN OF THESE IMPORTANT POINTS.

cre, which the Emperor and Empress would be unable to prevent.
"My object now is to advise the ailles not to do any act of vengeance, but to restore peace and to secure guarantees for the future. This can best be done by co-operating with Li Hung Chang. If you push on to Pekin, I believe you will-provoke a general riging throughout the empire, the result of which will be the destruction of the lives and property of foreigners everywhere." SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS to remain so until they are released from their state of siege. The officials here feel certain that the attack by the Chi-An undated message received at Tien Tsin from Minister Congor confirms the previous report of his safety. The Minister has provisions for several weeks, but is short of ammuninese on the Legations will not be re-They are convinced that the counsels of the Viceroys in the great Southern and Central Provinces and the advice of Li Hung Chang have had efmediate advance upon Pekin, but its repre-sentations are answered from Europe that the campaign cannot be bogun before the last week in August. General Chaffee has full power, and the Government has confi-

of the Legations dence in his ability to meet any situation The officials here, while anxious that

cond Salisbury told United States Ambassador Choate at London yesterday that he ac-quiesced in Secretary Hay's desire that the advance on Pekin be undertaken as speedily as possible. Lord Salisbury has no intention the movement on Pekin shall begin at once, do not attach credence to the rumor mentioned by General Chaffee that the forward march was to begin today, There are two reasons for their increduof bargaining with China until the besieged lity. In the first place, Chaffee's forces, Ministers are safe under their own military his splendid cavalry and his battalion of artillery, are exactly what are needed to as hostages perplexes the allies. It is feared that if the international forces advance the strengthen a weak spot in the international column. In the second place-and Chinese will, if defeated, retreat to Pekin and put all the remaining foreigners to information on this point comes through European channels-some of the foreign dispatch received at Rome says the Chinese ommanders are still of the opinion that Government is holding 600 Europeans as they cannot begin the campaign before All late reports from Pekin agree that the at-tack on the legations has ceased. The Jap-anese Minister writes under date of July 19 that the Chinese authorities are apparently

the last week in August at the earliest. The United States Government has not acceded to this view, and is relaxing no effort to bring about a change of plans on this point. But our representations have been met by the almost unanswerable argument that the decision of this important question properly should be left to the military commanders on the spot,

who must bear the responsibility for the In moving an address to the Queen with reference to the assassination of King Humbert, Lord Salisbury declared in the British House of Lords yesterday that society is threatened by the depth of human villainy that is who must sear the responsibility for the outcome of the expedition.

A rather startling proposition was advanced today, which, if adopted, might put at once to the test the Chinese profession that the Boxers, and not the Chiness Government, are responsible for what has happened in Pekin. This was to the effect that the Chinese Govern-ment should be informed that the inter-Italian troops took the oath of allegiance to their new King at Rome yesterday. There was great enthusiasm. ment should be informed that the inter-national force was prepared to take that government at its word and to join forces with it in crushing out the insur-rection. The kernel of just such a propo-sition is to be found in the last condi-tion laid down by the President in his reply to the appeal of the Emperor, Kwang Hsu, an anis may be a develop-ment in that direction speedily. Secretary Root says that nothing has been received from China, either officialand Gotha, German newspapers discuss the undestrability of allowing a German state to become an English heirloom passing from large number of young men of Martinique have petitioned President Loubet of France for arms and passage to enable them to pro-ceed to South Africa to fight for the Boers.

been received from China, either officially or unofficially, which necessitates any change in the instructions given Major-General Chaffee. If there is any advance on Pekin, it is presumed that such of the United States forces as are now ready he Treasury Department is sending out the new 2 per cent bonds issued to take the place of the old issue. Of the latter, \$520,leak in drydock No. 2, Brooklyn Navy yard, has caused a great amount of damage. will participate in the movement. If dis-patches are received at Tien Tsin from Mr. Conger or others in the legation at Pekin which change the existing condi-tions, Major-General Chaffee will act in The Anti-Imperialistic League has written Senator Hoar a letter condemning him for his decision to support President McKinley for re-election. accordance with such information. The Secretary says General Chaffee has full power, and has been entrusted with the command of the United States forces be-Democrats to meet at Washington to dis-cuss the situation in New York. He thinks the several factions in that state will work harmoniously for Bryan and Stevenson. cause of the confidence the Government has in his ability to meet any situation

has in his ability to meet any situation that may arise.

It is evident from the dispatches received from General Chaffee that only a portion of his force can be utilized if an immediate advance is made. It is not believed that all of the equipments of the last expedition sent from Manila have been landed, and it is, of course, apparent that the horses and most of the equipment of the Sixth Cavalry are still at sen. The Ninth Infantry and the two battalions of the Fourteenth Infantry. together with the marines, are the only troops of the United States actually available on Chinese service at this time

GREAT BRITAIN INDORSES HAY. Advance on Pekin and No Parleying ments are responsible for the maintelance of order.

It is expected that within a few days free communication will be established with the Ministers in Pekin.

AWAITING REINFORCEMENTS. Situation of the Besieged in Pekin July 22.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Adjutant-General Corbin today received a dispatch from Lieutenant-Colonel Coolidge, com-manding the Minth Infantry at Tien Tsin. It came by way of Che Foo, and is as

from more than 10 encampments. By a supreme effort we are still defending. We are daily awaiting with the greatest an-ziety the arrival of reinforcements, and 22. if you cannot reach here in less than a week's time, it is probable that we shall be unable to hold out any longer. The Emperor and the Empress Dowager appear to be still at Pekin? Were our re-inforcements to arrive, it is very proba-ble that they would fee to Wan Shoshan. Kliled and wounded up to date: Eight killed, one a Captain of infantry and an Ambassador's attache; seven seriously wounded, the first secretary of the lega-tion being one of the 20 slightly wounded. The number of Europeans killed is 60 in "COOLIDGE."

JAPANESE HOLDING OUT. Minister Reports That the Chinese Are Disposed to Negotiate.

WASHINGTON, July St.—The Japanese Consul at Tien Tsin telegraphed on the 57th inst. a dispatch dated the 19th from the Japanese Minister at Pekin to the Foreign Office at Tokio which had reached there by courier on the 25th. The Minister says:

"Japanese marines and others continue under the command of the military attache Lieutenant-Colonel Shiha, to resist tache, Lieutenant-Colonel Shiha, to resist the repeated attacks of Lung Tuh Siang's troops. I think we can hold out, though the task is by no means an easy one, until we are relieved by the division of Japanese troops which I hear, through a special messenger, will arrive at Tien Tsin by the end of this month. The Chinese have stopped firing since the 17th, and the Chinese authorities are apparently disposed to open negotiations. Atently disposed to open negotiations tache Kolima, Captain Ando, of the imperial army: H. Hakamura and five ma-rines have been killed, while Narabara, second secretary of the Legation, a stu-dent and six marines have been wounded. though not mortally. Many others have also been slightly wounded.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Colonel Henry C. Cochrane, commandant of the Ma-rine Barracks at Boston, has been ordered to China to take command of the marine forces in that country, aggregat-ing about 1500 men, including those on their way from San Francisco. He will start immediately for San Francisco, and will take passage on the Army transport Warren, scheduled to leave there Au-

Legations Engerly Awaiting Relief. ROME, July 31.—The commander of the Italian cruiser Eibe, at Tien Tsin, received the following telegram today from the Japanese attache at Pekin, dated

The Legations are eagerly awaiting With China.

LONDON, July 31.—The United States Europeans have been killed."

Situation of the Ministers Perplexes the Allies.

EFFECT IF THE FORCES ADVANCE

Fear That If the Chinese Are Defeated They Will Retreat to Pekin and Kill All Europeans.

LONDON, Aug. L 4 A. M .- A sensational Shanghai correspondent still hints that the Chinese are jugging with dates, but in face of the constantly accumulating evidence that the Ministers were safe July 22 and despite the omission from all the dispatches of anxiously desired information regarding the real situation, political or otherwise, at Pekin, there are very few in London who do not believe the dispatches genuine and reliable.

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The allies now confront a most difficult and dangerous problem. Without
doubt the Ministers are held by the Chinese as hostages; and the outcome of the
advance on Pekin, which in all probabiity has already begun, will be awaited
with intense anxiety.

Today's dispatches show that the allies,
notably the Japanese, have been pushing
their preparations with feverish haste or-

notably the Japanese, have been pushing their preparations with feverish haste, or-ganizing a service of pack cars, trains and junks. It is reported from Berlin that Lieutenant-General von Lessel, com-manding, the German forces in China, whom Emperor William has just pro-moted to the rank of General, command-ing an army corps, has been selected as Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces. The Chinase are strongly entrembed at Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces.
The Chinese are strongly entrenched at Wang Tsun, from which position, however, it is believed they can be ejected without great difficulty. The danger is that if defeated there, the Chinese will retire on Pekin and put the remainder of the Europeans to death, it is also possible that the advance of the allies will be the signal for the Chinese authorities to compal all forcitiers is quit the angular. compel all foreigners to quit the capital, in which event they might become the prey of the fanalical Howers. The feeling of the newspapers here is

that nothing whatever should now delay the advance, and that no negotiations of any kind should be countenanced until the alifed troops should reach Pekin and assure themselves regarding the fate of the foreigners.

The latest advices from Tien Tsin an-nounce that the Russians and Japanese are scouting in the direction of Pet Tang. The Japanese commander, Yamachuchi, expects Yang Tsun to be taken within three days,
The Governor of Shan Tung says the

British Consul's message was sent to Sir Claude MacDonald, whose reply was handed to the Tsung il Yamum July 25.

A special dispatch from Tien Tsin says the missionaries report that all the Americans in Fekin and Tung Chau are safe, but their property has been destroyed. The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, wiring resterday, says: "Kwang list reported to have sent a second dispatch to Emperor Nicholas, admitting that a state of war exists at British Consul's message was sent to Sir mitting that a state of war exists at Tien Isin, but that the Bussians are fully protected at the open ports. The Chinese Emperor adds that the disturbances in Manchuria were caused by a rebellious General in Amur; that he has instructed the Chinese Generals to refrain from hos-tisties, and that he desires the Caar to

reiprocate his action. reiprocate his action."
The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "The general aspect of the situation confirms the opinion that the Manchu party, fearing the effect of further violent measures, rely on Li Hung Chang's negotiations to prevail upon the powers to forego vengeance in return for the release of the survivors."

It is reported from an unofficial but follows:

"Tien Tsin, July 27.—The following letter of Lieutenant-Colonel Shiba, military attache at the Legation of Pekin, dated July 23, arrived at Tien Tsin, July 25, at 5 o'clock in the evening:

"Pekin, July 22.—Evening.—We are all awaiting impatiently the arrival of the reinforcing army. When are you coming? All the legations have been blockaded since the 18th of last month, and since the 20th we have been attacked continually, night and day, by the Chinese soldiers from more than 10 encampments. By a unusually reliable source that the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg wired to Lieu Hung Chang intimating the possibility of obtaining favorable terms of settlement from Russia if China would adopt a conciliatory attitude and compel a cersuit of the attacks on the Legations. Thereupon, according to this informant, a Hung Chang memoralized the through representing that he was ill and unable to come to Fekin, but urging that every endeavor be made to send the Ministers to Tien Tsin and to insure the safety of foreigners and missionaries.

Important additional confirmation of

the safety of the Legations was received in London this evening by Mr. Duncan Campbell, representative in Europe of the Chinese customs service from the Commissioner of Customs at Che Foo, in the shape of a Pekin dispatch not dated, but believed to have been written on July II, signed by both Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs, and Robert Bredon, Deputy Inspector-General, to the following effect:
"Staff and family still safe."

This has been confirmed by the Com-atsstoner of Customs in Shanghal, who telegraphed last evening: "Authentic, im-spector-General safe 22d."

FIGHTING AT NEW CHWANG. Russians Drove the Chinese From Their Stockades.

SHANGHAI, July 21.—Private advices from New Chwang, dated July 22, say the Russians attacked the Chinese outside settlements yesterday morning. The engagement lasted one hour and a half. The Chinese bolted from their stockades, but the Russians, after holding them for a short time, returned to their own set-tlement. The Chinese say they won, having driven back the Russians. The Russians had four wounded, and the Chinese six killed and 10 wounded. All the busi-ness houses in New Chwang are closed. There is no confirmation of the reported taking of these forts.

SIX HUNDRED HOSTAGES.

Their Probable Fate After War Has Been Declared.

ROME, Aug. 1.—A dispatch received here says: "The Chinese Government is detaining 800 Europeans as hostages, including the Ministers and their families and the members of the Legations."

It is believed here that when war is officially declared these will be ordered to leave Pairly within 20 hours. The wellognizary nectured these will be ordered to leave Pekin within 24 hours. They wfli then be at the mercy of the Boxers. China, it is thought, will consider that war has been declared as soon as the allies begin to march on Pekin.

Shao Wn Mission Destroyed. BOSTON, July 31.—The American Board received a dispatch today from Rev. J. E. Walker, of Foo Chow, saying:

"A mob destroyed the Shao Wu property. The Christians were plundered." Shao Wu is the interfor station of the American Board mission in Foo Chow, Rev. G. Milton Gardner and Dr. W. Li. Bliss, who belong to the Shao Wu sta-tion, are now on furlough in the United States, and all the other missionaries are at the coast for the usual Summer rest.