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Has Several Weeks' Provisions But Short of Ammunition.

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 cables from China. The first read: "The Foo (undated)—Corbin, Washington—Tien Tsin, July 31.—A message just received from Congor says: 'Since July 25, by agreement, there has been no firing...'"

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.

It is expected all the energies of the Government as well as those of other nations will be concentrated for an advance on Pekin.

CIPHER MESSAGES PROHIBITED.

Only Telegrams in Plain Language Will Be Delivered at Pekin.

(Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.) CHEE FOO, July 31.—The Governor of Shan Tung has telegraphed to United States Consul General McGowan from Yamun, desiring him to notify the Consuls that as the military operations at Pekin and Tien Tsin are unsettled, "only 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 Pu, and Consul Fowler believes that the rebels there may have been murdered.

CIPHER MESSAGES RETUSED.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 1.—The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. de Favreux, has received the following dispatch from the Belgian Legation in China, now in Shanghai, dated July 31: "The Consul-General of the United States telegraphed the United States Minister at Pekin, through the intermediary of the local authorities, Sheng, the Taoist, has informed him that the Tsung Hui Yamun refused to transmit messages in cipher to the Minister, and requires that all dispatches be in ordinary language."

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 Germany. The German Foreign 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 Munich Allgemeine Zeitung prints a special claimant 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 Germany is concerned the statement is absolutely untrue.

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.

Communication between Che Foo and Shanghai 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 July 25.

AMUR CAPITAL BOMBARDED.

Chinese and Russians Have Several Engagements. ST. PETERSBURG, July 31.—Official reports have been received here that the Chinese again bombarded Blagovestchensk, capital of the Amur Government, July 28 and 29. The Russians replied, and reinforcements were then approaching.

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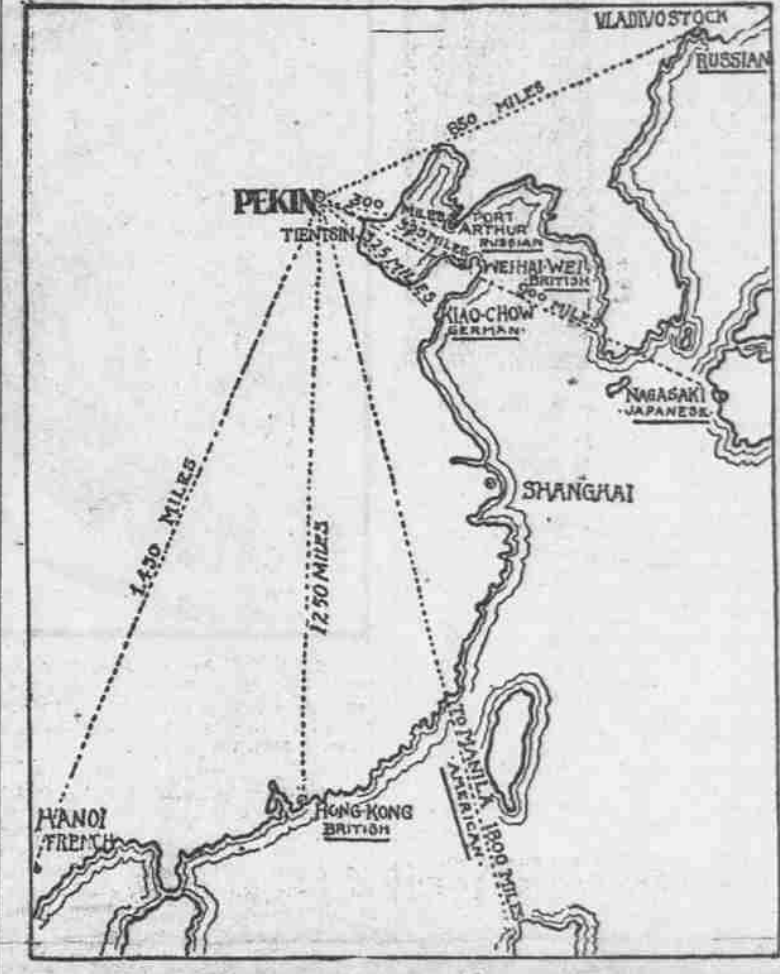
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The officials here, while anxious that the movement on Pekin shall begin at once, do not attach credence to the rumor mentioned by General Chaffee that the forward march was to begin today.

In the first place, Chaffee's forces, his splendid cavalry and his battalion of artillery, are exactly what are needed to strengthen a weak spot in the international column.

A dispatch received at Rome says the Chinese Government is holding 600 Europeans as hostages.

All late reports from Pekin agree that the attack on the legations has ceased. The Japanese Minister writes under date of July 19 that the Chinese authorities are apparently disposed to negotiate.

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