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CHINA REQUESTS AN ARMISTICE UNTIL LI HUNG CHANG CAN REACH PEKIN

Chinese Minister at Washington Says Troops Are an Incentive to Disorder, and That Peace Can Be Better Accomplished Without Them.

ALL OF CHINESE TERRITORY STIRRED UP OVER DIFFICULTIES

President McKinley Asks Admiral Kempff Why the Gunboat Monocacy Failed to Respond After Being Fired Upon From the Taku Forts—No Answer Has Yet Been Received—Admiral Seymour Believed to Have Been Captured—80,000 European Troops in the Field.

LONDON, June 25.—The British cruiser Terrible has arrived at Chee Foo from Taku with the latest news, as follows:
"Eight hundred Sikhs and two hundred Welch fusiliers have effected a junction with the American, German and Russian forces, which had been cut off by the Chinese, nine miles from Tien Tsin. It was proposed to deliver an assault upon the Chinese forces at Tien Tsin last night."
"The foreign official opinions here," says a dispatch from Shanghai, "is inclined to the belief that the worst has happened to the legations at Peking and to Admiral Seymour. The entire absence of reliable news from the capital seems to justify the worst construction which can be put upon it."
"Bad news comes from Yan Kung, where unrest is said to be growing hourly. Viceroy Liu Kin Yih has telegraphed the British authorities that he has ordered five Chinese cruisers to proceed to Nan Kin."

is based upon representations of the viceroys of important provinces of the Yang Tse Kiang valley that they can maintain order without the aid of foreign troops and that the presence of foreigners would act merely as an incentive to disorder. Minister Wu brought these representations to the attention of Secretary Hay, who consulted the president. The latter's decision, subsequently conveyed to the minister, was that while the assurances of the viceroys for continued quiet were fully appreciated the United States could not bind itself to send its forces to points where disorder actually existed and where the safety of our officials and citizens was endangered.
Secretary Long said when he left the navy department for the day that nothing had come from Admiral Kempff on the casualties of the first engagement of American marines with the Chinese, or on the outcome of the second engagement which was to have occurred yesterday or Saturday.

The reported action of the gunboat Monocacy in failing to respond after being fired upon from the Taku forts is understood to have been received with surprise by the president, who requested an explanation of the matter which has not yet been furnished. This was made known today to offset the published intimations that the Monocacy would not have failed to respond unless ordered to hold fire.
No word has been received at either the war or navy departments as to the condition of affairs in China. Nor has Admiral Remy been heard from, and it is not known whether he has sailed on the Brooklyn for Taku, or is still at Cavite. The anxiously awaited list of casualties from Admiral Kempff has not appeared, nor has a word come as to the result of the second engagement at Tien Tsin.

The state department also is without anything to shed light on the situation, except a dispatch from United States Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai, saying that nothing reliable has been received there as to the condition of affairs at Peking and elsewhere. This rather detracts from the reassuring unofficial press dispatches published this morning.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The Chinese minister has asked an armistice in the sending of American troops to China, based on the assurances of Chinese viceroys that they can maintain order. President McKinley, while expressing his gratification at these assurances, has made it known to the Chinese minister that the United States cannot relax its efforts to get troops to points where its officials are considered in danger.
The chief development today in the Chinese situation was the effort of the Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, to secure an armistice in the operation of the American troops until Li Hung Chang could reach Peking and bring about a cessation of disorders. The proposition is rather a novel one, and

NEW YORK, June 25.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Chee Foo, says:
"The Chinese bombardment of Tien Tsin set fire to the mission building first. The fire spread to the native city and destroyed everything. The attacking force, well supplied with modern artillery, has been pressing the small allied force very hard. Already the dead number 160. Relief is being rushed from Taku, but the column will have to fight its way through the big Chinese army."
"The British store ship Humber arrived at Chee Foo bringing 30 refugees from Tong Shan, including Messrs. Kinder and Parsons and Mrs. Parsons. "Pei Tai Ho, (the great watering place of Northern China where 200 prominent foreigners had their summer homes) has been abandoned. The governor of Shan Tung Province, in which Chee Foo is situated, after conferring with his subordinate mandarins at his capital, Tsinanfu, decided not to join the rebels and issued a proclamation decreeing that all Europeans and Americans should be protected."
"Admiral Kempff held a conference Sunday at the American consulate with Consul Fowler and the captains of the Nashville and the Yorktown. The local governor of Chee Foo was present and promised there should be no uprising here against the foreigners, and gave other assurances which seemed all right on the surface. The governor expressed confidence in the good will of the American government toward China, and said the feeling was reciprocated."
"Captain Edward Bayly, of the British armored cruiser at Taku, signalled the American captains yesterday: "Thank God the Russians were here; otherwise we would all have been murdered."

NEW YORK, June 25.—A special to the Tribune from Vancouver, B. C. says: The steamship Tartar arrived from the Orient today with 400 Japanese immigrants. It brings the following mail advices:
"Liu Hsiushun, the Empress Dowager's secret emissary to Japan, was shot in the abdomen as he stepped

ashore at Canton. At the instant the shot was fired the friends of the assassin threw Mexican dollars among the crowd of 300 present. There was a scramble for the money and the assassin and his friends escaped.
"Liu died of his wounds.
"Liu was formerly a favorite of Li Hung Chang, and was in his train of retainers. Knowing he was hated, he had twenty Chinese soldiers accompany him wherever he went, who cleared the crowd away from his chair by force.
"Ten attempts have lately been made on his life, and his political haters have finally finished him. When shot, Liu, it is said, was en route to Japan on a secret mission in connection with the Boxer uprising."

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the Tribune from London, says:
"The British Admiralty, being embroiled with red tape, does not give out dispatches as promptly as the navy department at Washington, but it has confirmed the previous accounts of the repulse of the relief column which attempted to enter Tien Tsin on Friday. The Bulletin is short and depressing. The foreign settlement at Tien Tsin was almost entirely destroyed and the Europeans were fighting hard.
"There is nothing about a relief column of Russians and Americans being cut to pieces, but the repulse is described as attended with some loss. Only one rumor has entered Taku from Tien Tsin in five days, and not a word has been received from the relief columns which started for Peking two weeks ago, nor from the legations themselves.
"The foreign relief force may be described as a chain consisting mainly of missing links. There is a mixed force of between two thousand and three thousand men at Taku, including a portion of Chinese regiments from Wei Hai Wei. The column, with the Russian and American contingent of over 5000 men, must cut its way through a superior Chinese force which is said to have 60 guns, although this seems incredible. The foreigners at Tien Tsin are clearly in a desperate state, with the garrison surrounded by a Chinese horde and with ammunition and supplies running short.
"Somewhere beyond Tien Tsin, either on the way to Peking or at that city, is a mixed force of 2,500 men, with inadequate supplies, ammunition and food. At the legations are probably from fifteen to twenty-two European, Japanese and Americans, refugees being added to this working official force, and the military and naval guards number about 400 men.
"Every link in this chain of relief is weak and detached, and there is no accurate information from any station except Taku. Men who have lived in China assert that the number of foreigners at Tien Tsin is large, since the city has a Chinese population of over a million, and a commerce of over \$45,000,000. Tien Tsin is the chief distributing center for trade in Northern China and Manchuria, and is the natural outlet for a half dozen of the most populous provinces. There are four foreign banks, a large body of English, German, Russian, Japanese and American merchants, and several groups of missionary stations.
"The situation of the foreigners at Tien Tsin is regarded by former British officials in China as deplorable, and doubts are expressed respecting the adequacy of the relief force which is available at Taku, unless Russia takes decisive measures, as indicated last night in official communications from the foreign office at St. Petersburg, by the invasion of Chinese territory by a really formidable army. The European and American fleets may be working harmoniously under the leadership of the senior Rear-Admiral at Taku, but the suppression of anarchy in China now requires the presence of a larger army than any great power except Russia can put into the field without delay."

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.
Sixth Cavalry to be Recruited to Its Full War Strength.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—An order from Adjutant-General Corbin has been received at the Presidio directing that the troops of the Sixth Cavalry shall be recruited to their full war strength. In view of the fact that this organization was ordered recently to proceed to Manila, and the order to recruit to the limit is sent some time later, the opinion is expressed that the regiment is to be sent to China instead of the Philippines. The recruits will be selected from those now at the Presidio.

BRYAN SPEAKS.
Chicago Platform Will Be Re-Affirmed.
LINCOLN, Neb., June 25.—William J. Bryan returned today from Wisconsin and Chicago. He will remain in Lincoln until after the Democratic national convention. Bryan was asked whether he could say anything in regard to the platform to be adopted at Kansas City. He replied:
"No one can say what language will be used in setting forth the party principles. But some ideas can be obtained as to the general tenor of the platform from platforms adopted in the state conventions. It's safe to assume that the Chicago Platform and will contain nothing which can be construed as a surrender or modification of the platform on old issues. This much is evident from what has already taken place."
"Is there any truth in the rumors that a vice-presidential will be chosen whose views on the money question will be attractive to those who opposed the ticket in 1897?"
"I do not care to discuss the vice-presidential further than to say that I assume that the candidate nominated for vice-president will be in harmony with the platform. No man worthy to be considered for such an office would accept the nomination upon a platform repugnant to his views on any important issue. There is sometimes a joint debate between candidates on opposing tickets, but not between candidates on the same ticket."

BEARS SCORE A VICTORY.
Fall in Wheat of Two Cents a Bushel at Chicago.
CHICAGO, June 25.—It was a wild day in wheat, a battle between the bulls and the bears, in which the latter, for the first time in weeks, scored a victory.
July opened at 87 1/2 to 88 1/2, sold between 88 1/2 and 89 1/2, closing 2c under Saturday at 86. In the field the new wheat retained their old friend, the Northwest wheat crop wreck. Manitoba had rain, but Minnesota and the Dakotas reported dry scorching weather, the kind that burns up vegetation in short order.

PORTLAND, June 25.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 60c.
TO FORM A NEW PARTY.
Anti-Expansionists Meet in New York City for That Purpose.
NEW YORK, June 25.—Some anti-imperialists to the number of thirty-five and coming from the principal cities of the country met today. The meeting was for the purpose of determining what action the followers of this line of national policy will take in the coming presidential campaign; and as a result of the conference it is probable that a new party will be formed, members of which will vote independently of both republican and democratic parties. The resolutions passed state that a call is to be issued "to the end that we may carry into effect our condemnation of the imperialistic policy of the present administration."

CHOLERA RAGES IN BOMBAY.
Over Ten Thousand Deaths in One Week.
LONDON, June 25.—The Governor of Bombay wires that there were 10,277 deaths from cholera out of 15,479 cases during the week ending June 16.
CUBAN TEACHERS COMING.
HAVANA, June 25.—Three hundred women teachers and 200 men called for Boston on the United States transports Sedgwick and Crook today to attend the summer school there.

SHADY BID ON LIGHT QUESTION

West Shore Mills Company Resorts to a New Dodge.

"BOXER" MCGREGOR'S PAW

Would Pull a Chestnut From the Fire for the Corporation, But the City Council Refuses to Permit the Hold-Up—A Case of Monumental Nerve.

The city council met in special session last night to consider the municipal lighting matter, but as no one had anything in the way of a reasonable proposition to offer, the council adjourned without taking action. It is true that W. F. McGregor, representing the Astoria Box Company, put in a bid, but the figures submitted were no inducement as, in the long run, they would avail the city nothing save to mulct the taxpayers out of a few extra dollars. It was purely a question as to whether the city should accept a "hold-up" proposition for five years or ten years, with the odds in favor of McGregor and his "boxers." With wise decision, the council declined to be caught in a trap and practically killed the McGregor proposition by referring it to the ways and means committee which, by-the-way, has been standing by the tax-payers throughout the pending lighting controversy.
As a matter of fact, it was believed and generally understood among the councilmen last night that McGregor's bid was nothing more nor less than another bid from the West Shore Mills Company. In the event that McGregor received the contract it would be an easy matter for him to enter into an agreement with the West Shore Mills Company to furnish the lights called for in the bids. Besides, under the increased rate submitted last night, Mr. McGregor could easily realize a handsome penny without turning a finger. It would be merely a case of the middleman's graft with a vengeance.
McGregor's bid was to supply fifty-five arc lights for one year of the ten-year term for \$7.25 per light. For the remaining nine years sixty lights were to be served at the rate of \$7.25. In short, McGregor wanted a contract for ten years at an average cost per light much more than the West Shore Mills Company, with all its afterthoughts, has had the nerve to ask.

The matter of providing lights throughout the city on the night of the Fourth is a simple one. If the city council desires to have the city lighted at that time all that will be required on their part is to serve notice on the West Shore Mills Company to that effect. The company, under the terms of its franchise, will be compelled either to furnish the lights called for or forfeit the franchise. As to cost, the company cannot exact from the city an amount in excess of the regular commercial rates, and the city certainly can submit, for one night, to the extortion which private consumers are compelled to meet 365 days in the year.
Without a doubt the city should be lighted on the Fourth and if it is not the city council alone will be to blame.

BURGLARY AND ARSON.

Dastardly Crime in San Francisco—Story Discarded.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—A burglar entered the residence of E. E. Cederberg in this city, while the family were away, bound Mrs. Lillian Ross, the nurse, to a bed on which a baby was sleeping, robbed the house, poured coal oil on the floor and, after igniting it, made his escape. The flames were discovered by neighbors just in time to prevent the cremation of the woman and child. The robber secured \$120 in gold and some jewelry.
The fire marshal discredited the story told by Mrs. Ross.

YAQUIS CONQUERED.

Nearly all Have Abandoned the War-path.
PHOENIX, Ariz., June 25.—William Gill, of Philadelphia, who is here from a prospecting trip to Mexico, says the Yaqui Indians have nearly all abandoned the war path. Several hundred are still hidden in the mountains, and make an occasional descent on isolated ranches. Near Tomachio, on Friday last, a large party raided a ranch and killed two cowboys, wounded several others and one woman. They were driven off after a hard fight.

THREE CENTS A MILE.

O. R. & N. Co. to Inaugurate a New Schedule After July 1st.

PORTLAND, June 25.—The O. R. & N. Co. announces that, beginning July 1, its passenger rate in Oregon and Washington will be three cents a mile.