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CHINA IS NOW SUING FOR PEACE

Li Appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Negotiate.

PRINCE TUAN LEAVES PEKIN

Russo-Japanese Force Marching on Pekin From the North—Empress Dowager Orders the Resumption of Taku and Tien Tsin.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The morning papers express satisfaction at the latest developments in China. The average comment is that China is now genuinely suing for peace through Li Hung Chang.

Dispatches printed this morning give further details of the taking of Yang Tsung. According to the Daily Mail's correspondent, the attack was led by the Americans and British. The Chinese position consisted of seven lines of entrenchments. The enemy fell back until driven to the last line, when they fled to Pekin completely demoralized.

The Chinese say that they retreated because the British "poured poison" into their troops. This refers to the ydite shells which the Chinese then experienced for the first time. The correspondent adds that the British casualties were 200 and the Americans 250, but this latter estimate is four times greater than that of General Chaffee's report.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—In the light of the latest dispatch from Minister Conger received by the state department through Minister Wu today the attitude of the administration is that there is but one thing to do in the present circumstances, namely to press on to the relief of the besieged garrison at Pekin. This was made known after extended communications between Washington and the president at Canton.

The Conger dispatch was accepted as showing conclusive justification for the imperative demand of the United States sent to the Chinese government. Yesterday night, instructing that the imperial troops co-operate with the international forces in the rescue of the ministers, and until this condition as well as the cessation of the bombardment is fully conceded by China, there is no other course open but to press steadily onward in the mission of relief.

Late this afternoon an answer was sent to Minister Conger's latest message made public today. It was announced officially and positively that this message would not be made public either in whole or in substance. It was made plain, however, that the message was sufficiently guarded so as not to further increase the jeopardy of our minister in case the Chinese have access to our cipher.

As to the terms of the message, they are believed to make plain that this government will not advise, much less direct, that Conger leave Pekin under a Chinese escort, when the minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death.

Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the minister know that there is an unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government, as conveyed to him through the Tsung Li Yamen, that the foreign governments had urged repeatedly that the ministers be sent out of Pekin under a suitable escort.

This clause, contained in Minister Conger's latest dispatch, clearly shows that the Chinese government is leading him to believe that it is the wish of Washington that he leave under a Chinese escort, whereas the United States government never has entertained for a moment the idea of having the minister sent out on his dangerous pilgrimage from Pekin to the coast under Chinese protection.

Secretary Root said tonight that there was no convincing evidence in the possession of this government that any of our dispatches really had reached Minister Conger. This indicates that the minister has not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed to him by the department of state.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Tien Tsin, Aug. 2, "in the Foo, Aug. 10, says: "Major General... companies of American marines and Captain Kelly's battery have arrived. The sixth cavalry has disembarked at Taku. A gale delayed the landing of the artillery and cavalry.

Two battalions of the Ninth and one of the Fourteenth infantry and the American marines have had orders to join in the advance. Twenty-nine members of the Ninth infantry are on the sick list. The American force lack signal corps and surgeons. A prominent American officer is authority for the statement that reinforcements are expected to make the advance successfully.

A meeting of the generals to decide upon a plan for a concentrated attack on the Chinese position has been postponed until tomorrow, until the Russian general is able to attend. The Japanese and Russians are pushing their advance guard forward. Chinese cavalry made an attack on a Russian guard at Tsi Ku, but did not do any damage.

Six miles north of Tsi Ku the Chinese are strengthening their position. The British ordered to advance consist of 1850 Indian and 800 Welsh troops.

The Boxers are in strong force ten miles to the south of Tien Tsin. They are murdering, pillaging and committing atrocious crimes. It is reported that Prince Tuan has left Pekin and joined General Sung in his position twenty miles northward, the dowager empress having issued an imperative command for the resumption of Tien Tsin and Taku. This step shows a determination to stop the advance, but it may be Prince Tuan's plan to escape.

A native colonel who fought against the Boxers and protected Christians sixty miles from here has been disinherited by imperial order.

It is reported that friendly Chinese

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—The semi-official Militar Wochenblatt this evening says: "Altogether 230,000 men with 500 guns will be in China within six weeks, and altogether 117 war vessels exclusive of 21 torpedo boats are now watching the Chinese coast."

BRUSSELS, Aug. 10.—The foreign office has received the following message signed "De Cartier," first secretary of the Belgian legation at Pekin: "Shanghai, Aug. 10.—An imperial decree names Li Hung Chang as minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace."

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—It is reported that 12,000 Chinese troops are

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FITZSIMMONS WON IN SIXTH ROUND

Ruhlin Knocked Down and Out by Solar Plexus Blows.

FIERCE AND BLOODY BATTLE

Ohlson Fell as if Struck by an Ax and Was Carried to His Corner—Betting Even at Opening Round—Fitz the Favorite.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons, ex-champion pugilist of the world, met Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant, at the Twentieth Century Club, Madison Square Garden, and won by knocking the Ohlson down and out in the sixth round.

Before the fight and for some weeks past there have been many reports to the effect that Fitzsimmons was too old to cope successfully with his younger opponent. It was argued that Fitzsimmons' well-known knowledge of the game and his capability of hard hitting would not be able to counterbalance the youth and strength, as well as the recently acquired ring tactics of the Ohio man.

Tonight, however, all this has been changed. Fitzsimmons did the trick cleanly and cleverly. It was a fierce and bloody battle while it lasted and at times, it looked as if Ruhlin would get the better of the older man, but Fitzsimmons, at the proper time, cut loose with his fearful body blows which finally snuffed out the Ohio boxer's light.

Betting all along had favored Fitzsimmons, many wagers at the rate of 100 to 80 on "Lanky Bob" being made. Tonight, however, at the ringside, there was a rush of Ruhlin money, which forced the odds to take odds in Ruhlin's favor at the rate of 100 to 80. This state of affairs did not last long, however, and by the time the men put up their hands for the opening round, they were equal favorites at even money.

Fitzsimmons himself conceded about thirty-two pounds to Ruhlin, and this in itself was a serious handicap. But as the result showed, Fitzsimmons was equal to the task he had set himself against and won out with that terrible solar plexus blow, which, whenever it landed, shook Gus from head to foot.

From the work "and" the men started in with hurricane-like force: both were wild at times, but Fitzsimmons was always the quickest to steady himself. Ruhlin clinched a good deal, and for three or four rounds was the aggressor. Several blows staggered Fitz, but none of them landed on the mark as Fitz was too shifty. Just once Fitzsimmons touched the floor when he slipped down from a clinch at the end of a round.

In the sixth round Ruhlin was slow in coming to time while Fitzsimmons jumped at his man. Fitzsimmons got around Ruhlin's back and the latter sent straight lefts for Fitz's head. Bob side-stepped safely and landed lefts and rights to the head and neck, and with a fearful left on the solar plexus Fitz sent Ruhlin to the floor. The latter rose but he had his man and sent straight lefts for Fitz's head. Bob side-stepped safely and landed lefts and rights to the head and neck, and with a fearful left on the solar plexus Fitz sent Ruhlin to the floor. The latter rose but he had his man and sent straight lefts for Fitz's head. Bob side-stepped safely and landed lefts and rights to the head and neck, and with a fearful left on the solar plexus Fitz sent Ruhlin to the floor.

PERJURY ON BOTH SIDES.

In Goebel Murder Case Jury Does Not Have to Decide Which Side Lied, but Which Lied the Worse.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Aug. 10.—The defense in the case of Caleb Powers, ex-secretary of state, charged with an accessory before the fact in the Goebel assassination, rested this afternoon.

The prosecution expect to conclude tomorrow. The jury, when it comes to considering evidence, will not have to decide the question of which side dealt in perjury, but which side has been burdened with the largest amount of that product, it being conceded that perjury has been indulged in large quantities by somebody for the last few days. The disagreement of the jury is generally looked for.

DEBS AND HARRIMAN ACCEPT.

Socialist Party Candidates Issue Their Letters of Acceptance of Nomination.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Eugene V. Debs and Morris Harriman, the Socialist party's candidates for president and vice-president, have sent their letters of acceptance to William Butcher of Springfield, Mass., national secretary of the party. Debs says that he seeks no personal preferment.

BRYAN WILL NOT TOUR.

His Speeches Will Be Reserved for Special Occasions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—William J. Bryan will make no such extended tours of the country this campaign as he did four years ago.

He will make a number of speeches but they will be in connection with special occasions and not a part of a general swinging around the country.

RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

President Mellen of the Northern Pacific Meets President Mohler of the O. R. & N.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—President Mellen of the Northern Pacific, and President Mohler of the O. R. & N., held a conference here today. As far as known the matter of a truce in the Clearwater country was not entered into.

HOLIDAY AT HAMBURG.

Business Suspended on Account of the Visit of Emperor William.

HAMBURG, Aug. 10.—Business is practically suspended here today in order that the whole populace may fittingly receive Emperor William, who arrived this morning.

LABOR UNION RAILWAY.

St. Louis Strikers Incorporate With a Capital Stock of Five Thousand Dollars.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.—Articles of incorporation were filed this afternoon by the Labor Union Street Railway Company. Its capital stock is placed at \$5,000.

CONVENTION POSTPONED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The convention of Democratic clubs, originally set for September 8th, at Indianapolis, has been postponed until October 8.

UNION PACIFIC ROBBERS CAUGHT

One Shot to Pieces; Other Burned Alive.

COUNTY TO PAY FOR HOUSE

Deputy Sheriff's Pose Burns Farm House in Which Robber Took Refuge—Two Citizens Shot in the Fight—Jewelry Recovered.

GOODLAND, Kas., Aug. 10.—The two men who held up a Union Pacific passenger train near Hugo, Colo., last Sunday, killing Mr. Fay and plundering the passengers, were killed today by a sheriff's posse, three miles east of this place.

One was shot to pieces and the other burned to death in a house on the Bartholomew ranch. After a fight in the morning when the first one was shot, some citizens armed themselves and went to the ranch. The man inside the house was armed with a Winchester and too near approach to the house drew his fire.

About 4 o'clock some men by crawling through a cornfield got in the shed near the house and from this place threw two railroad fuses on top of the house, setting it on fire.

It was not many minutes until the entire building was in flames, but the robber made no sign, and if he was not shot by a bullet from the many that were fired from the outside he found death in the flames.

There is no doubt about the men being the train robbers.

On the body of the one shot in the morning was found a watch, two black cat's paw marks, a lady's chain and charm and an open envelope addressed to some illegible name at Hugo, Colorado. The man in the house had a large roll of bills, but those, with the robber's two valises, were burned.

The house on the ranch, with its contents, was valued at \$1,250, and will be paid for by the county. Two citizens, Briggs and Collins, shot in the fight in the morning, are doing well and will probably recover.

EXPLOSIVE FOR M'KINLEY.

Strange-Acting Italian Wanted to Present to Him a Brass Projectile.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—An Italian who gave his name as "Professor" Fugaccia, of Felucia, Italy, caused some excitement at the White House today by exhibiting a brass projectile which he wished to present to the president. He came during the forenoon, accompanied by a negro, who bore a large satchel. When stopped at the front door by Uncle Mitchell, he presented a slip of paper bearing this inscription: "Professor Fugaccia, presents this projectile to the president of the United States."

He took out of the satchel a very heavy projectile, and a long wire, and explained that the pushing of the wire through a hole which had been bored in the end of the projectile's nose would cause an explosion. The visitor could speak no English, and made known his mission by signs. After some questioning it was concluded the Italian was an inventor seeking official recognition of his device, and he was directed to the Italian embassy. Later the secret service was notified.

DEWEY REPUDIATES INTERVIEW.

Did Not Even Intimate That Filipino Would Fight Till Election.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Admiral Dewey said today, repudiating a sensational story of an interview with him in relation to Philippine and Chinese affairs: "My attention has been drawn to the article as published. I made use of no words saying or intimating that whatever show of resistance to our authority is at the present time in the Philippines will be kept up until after our election in November. The insurrection is kept alive by the leaders who hold out to the soldiers the hope of Bryan's election." Neither did I say or intimate that in my opinion a state of war exists between this country and China. These statements attributed to me are absolutely incorrect."

TO BE NOTIFIED AGAIN.

Bryan Will Have a Chance to Improve on His Indianapolis Speech.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The advisory committee tonight recommended that the Populists notify Bryan of his nomination by the Sioux Falls convention at Topeka, Kas., August 23.

DEATHS FROM THE HEAT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Eleven persons died here today from the excessive heat.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10.—The heat today resulted in two deaths and twenty prostrations. The maximum temperature was 98 degrees.

FORAGE WANTED FOR CHINA.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—The local branch of the United States quartermaster's office today opened bids for ten thousand tons of forage for immediate shipment to the Orient.

STEYN COMMITTS SUICIDE.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—It is rumored in Lourenco Marques, that President Steyn has committed suicide.