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BRITISH MINISTER CABLES SITUATION DESPERATE AND MASSACRE PROBABLE

Remembering the Horrors of Cawnpore, India, the Legations Refuse Chinese Escort to Tien Tsin.

ALLIES WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF PEKIN ON SATURDAY

After the Taking of Aigun the Cossacks Rode Over the Battlefield Killing the Wounded With the Butts of their Rifles—Empress Dowager Will Fly to a New Capital Before Allies Arrive—Imperial Edicts Discussed Investigating Chinese to Destroy Foreigners—60,000 Russians Start for the Far East.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The British consul at Canton says that the Daily Telegraph's correspondent there has received the following message, dated August 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald: "British minister at Peking: 'Our situation here is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved, a general massacre is probable. The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but remembering Cawnpore, we refused the offer. There are over two hundred European women and children in this legation.'"

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express wiring yesterday says: "The allies at noon Saturday were within 20 miles of Peking."

The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that the taking of Aigun has sealed the fate of the rising in northeastern Manchuria. He says: "No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale massacre was the order of the day, and when the battle was over the Cossacks rode over the field killing all the wounded with the butt ends of their muskets."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The American commander in China, in a dispatch of just three words received at the war department late this afternoon sent a thrill of exultation and expectancy throughout official quarters by announcing his arrival at Ho Si Wu, only 23 miles from Peking, last Thursday. The last heard from him before this was at Yang Tsun, which had been captured after a hard fight, and word of his movements since then had been eagerly awaited.

Thursday he was 18 miles beyond Yang Tsun, Lang Fang, the place where the ill-fated Seymour expedition met its fate and turned back, had been left behind. The battle of Yang Tsun was fought on the sixth and the advance to Ho Si Wu was accomplished on the ninth, a march of 18 miles in three days. This was four days ago, and at the same rate of progress Chaffee is even now fairly within striking distance of the walls of Peking. It was a consummation which the war department had awaited calmly, as it accorded with their calculations although the advance has been more rapid than was expected.

The dispatch from Chaffee, conveying so much in so few words, is as follows:

"Che Foo, Aug. 10.—Adjutant General, Washington.—Arrived Ho Si Wu yesterday. CHAFFEE."

Word of the advance soon spread throughout official quarters. In the enthusiasm the report got about that this was the day of the actual arrival at Peking, but the war department has not word of an advance beyond Ho Si Wu. It was deemed hardly likely that the march to Peking could have been made since last Thursday. At the rate of progress, six miles per day, from Yang Tsun to Ho Si Wu, about 24 miles would have been covered in the last four days, and up to today this would still leave the international forces nine miles from Peking.

Viewed from any standpoint, the advance to Ho Si Wu was of the utmost importance, not only strategically, but showing that communication was open back to Che Foo, that the expected opposition from Chinese hordes had not been sufficient to prevent a steady movement, and for the influence it would exert upon the Chinese government.

Brief as the dispatch is, it conveys much information beyond that specifically contained in its few words. Although it is not stated what force has arrived, the war department accepts it to mean that this is the international force which first took Pei Tsang and then Yang Tsun. It has gone steadily forward along the left bank of the

Pei Ho river, keeping on the main road which skirts the river bank. At Yang Tsun the railway crosses the river and branches off to the west. Now the forces have left the railway far in the rear and are depending upon the highway and the river.

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—At the Chinese legation in Berlin, a representative of the Associated Press was informed today that the empress dowager had declared her intention to leave Peking and transfer her court to another city before the allied forces reached the capital. Lu Hai Hsuan, the Chinese minister here, on learning this intention, telegraphed to both the empress dowager and the emperor not to leave Peking, but quietly to await the arrival of the international forces.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The department of state today made public the reply of the United States government to Minister Wu's communication delivered on Sunday morning, notifying the department of the appointment of Earl Li Hung Chang, envoy plenipotentiary, to negotiate with the powers. This reply was sent to Minister Wu at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and is as follows:

"Memorandum: Touching the imperial edict of August 8, appointing Li Hung Chang envoy plenipotentiary to conduct negotiations on the part of China with the powers, and the request for a cessation of hostilities pending negotiations, communicated to Mr. Adee by Mr. Wu on the 12th of August, 1900.

"The government of the United States learned with satisfaction of the appointment of Earl Li Hung Chang as envoy plenipotentiary to conduct negotiations with the powers and will, on its part, enter upon such negotiations with a desire to continue the friendly relations so long existing between the two countries.

"It is evident that there can be no general negotiations between China and the powers so long as the ministers of the powers and the persons under their protection remain in their present position of restraint and danger and that the powers cannot cease their efforts for the delivery of those representatives to which they are constrained by the highest consideration of national honor, except under an arrangement adequate to accomplish a peaceable deliverance.

"We are ready to enter into an agreement between the powers and the Chinese government for a cessation of hostilities on condition that a sufficient body of the forces composing the relief expedition shall be permitted to enter Peking unmolested and to escort the foreign ministers and residents back to Tien Tsin, this movement being provided and secured by such arms and dispositions of troops as shall be considered safe by the generals commanding the forces composing the relief expedition.

"ALVAL A. ADEE, Acting Sec'y."

"Department of State, Washington, Aug. 12, 1900."

The text of this reply to the overtures communicated by Minister Wu was telegraphed last night to the representatives of the United States for communication to the governments of the powers co-operating in the relief movement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

A Shanghai dispatch to the News says that troubles have commenced in the Yangtze Valley at Ta Tsun. Serious riots have taken place and the telegraph station is reported to have been destroyed by members of the Kolavus Society.

The Standard correspondent in Tien Tsin states that copies of imperial

edicts have been discovered instigating the people to destroy the foreigners. These edicts were issued simultaneously with others in which the Chinese government promised to protect the legations.

According to a Berlin special to the Post, Lord Salisbury in his reply to the Kaiser, advised that Count Von Waldersee should be appointed commander-in-chief. The German foreign office is not disposed to attach undue importance to the one condition insisted upon by England, that the assent of the other powers concerned should also be obtained, since all the powers save France have now given their formal consent to Von Waldersee's appointment.

Despite the assertions so confidently repeated that all the powers have accepted the appointment, it is still believed here that several governments have given their consent to the count's nomination with important limitations on his freedom of action.

It is pointed out in Paris, and by responsible statesmen like M. Melne, that under the law of February, 1844, no foreigner can hold, even nominally or provisionally, command of any body of French troops. At present the count's commission from the powers would make him rather chief of a council of officers than commander-in-chief. No doubt when the allied army is actually engaged in a battle with the Chinese, the German field marshal will be in command, and his tactical dispositions will be carried out by all ranks and nationalities, but on the larger question of strategy and policy the attitude of the chiefs of the various foreign contingents will be largely determined by instructions from home. It is possible, however, that before Count Von Waldersee reaches the Pei Ho a more definite understanding between the powers as to their objects and purposes in China will have been reached.

The only member of the cabinet who has lately referred publicly to the Chinese question is Lord Londonderry. The postmaster-general in a recent speech at a political gathering urged that the powers would seek no indiscriminate vengeance, but would insist on the punishment of the mandarins and other high personages really responsible for the outrages committed. Instead of allowing themselves to be put off by the execution of a miscellaneous selection of less guilty subordinates. Great Britain, said the speaker, must do what it could to preserve order in the Yangtze Valley, and he maintained that her majesty's government considered it was under a special obligation to protect Shanghai.

Considerable uneasiness continues to be felt in official circles, though not much is said about it in the newspapers, as to the action of Russia in the Chinese provinces adjacent to her own frontier. Little is really known about the state of affairs in the Amur region, and it has even been alleged that the attacks on the Russian settlements have been merely those of small roving bodies of Tartar bandits. But Russia is clearly preparing for a campaign on a great scale. Moscow telegrams assert that 60,000 troops have already started on the railway route to the far East and many more are to be embarked from Odessa. Some of the Russian newspapers are now openly asserting that the time has come to settle whether the Slav or Mongol, Christ or Buddha shall be supreme in Northwestern Asia. Meanwhile the Russians are already understood to have decided to take possession of New Chwang, the important railway center and harbor which it has been the determined object of British diplomacy for two years past to keep out of Muscovite hands.

AUNTIES MEET TOMORROW.

Divided on the Question of Endorsing Bryan and Stevenson.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—The congress of the anti-imperialist league will be called to order Wednesday by ex-Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri, who will introduce ex-Governor Boutwell, of Massachusetts, as presiding officer.

Governor Boutwell is opposed to placing a third ticket in the field and likewise to the endorsement of Bryan and Stevenson. He believes that strong resolutions denouncing imperialism should be adopted and that then the meeting should adjourn. Carl Schurz, it is affirmed, will insist upon the endorsement of Bryan and Stevenson.

Bourke Cochrane is expected to make an address. Those who favor a third ticket have suggested the names of Thomas B. Reed, Richard Olney, ex-Governor Boutwell and ex-Senator Henderson.

STRIKE ORDERED.

Mill Men Cease Work at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The mill men's union, backed by the building trades council today began its earnest fight for an eight-hour day. A strike has been ordered and the strength of the movement will soon be known. The lumber and planing mill owners have not yet decided whether the mills shall try to continue operations with non-union men or shall close down until an agreement is effected. In four San Francisco mills and in all of the Oakland mills the action was

were paid off Saturday night after their refusal to return this morning under the old schedule, and were ordered to remove their tools from the books.

Unless some understanding is reached before the end of the week, said Andrew Wilkie, proprietor of the Mechanics' mill, I believe building will practically cease in San Francisco and the bay cities, and the 15,000 men in the building trades will be thrown out of employment.

No advance in wages is asked, but the same pay is wanted for eight hours as is now given for nine. The mill men say that they cannot grant the raise and meet eastern competition.

NATIONAL PARTY CONVENES.

Anxious to Fuse With the Anti-Imperialists.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—The delegates to the National party convention are beginning to arrive. The members of the National party hope to form an alliance with the anti-imperialists, and they hope that the anti-imperialists will endorse the ticket they nominate. The following is their platform:

- 1.—Independence and protection to the inhabitants of Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii.
 - 2.—Single gold standard and sound banking system.
 - 3.—Abolition of all special privileges.
 - 4.—Public service based on merit only.
- The call for the convention is addressed to all opposed to the candidates and platform of the Republican and Democratic parties.

BRYAN VERY CONSIDERATE.

Refuses to Embarrass McKinley by Attending the G. A. R. Encampment.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—The Chronicle tomorrow will say:

Colonel W. J. Bryan will not be in Chicago on Tuesday, August 23, the day of the great parade of the G. A. R. Rather than embarrass President McKinley by a counter demonstration, the Democratic nominee will defer his arrival to the next day, or perhaps two days later. This decision was reached after Bryan was made acquainted with the program and part to which he was assigned.

DEMOCRATIC PHONOGRAPH.

Bryan Leads His Speech Onto Another Talking Machine.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Bryan closeted himself with a phonograph today and delivered over again parts of his speech of acceptance which he made at Indianapolis last week. Those sections in which the candidate promised to call an extra session of congress to deal with the Philippine question, and the closing periods were the principal parts of his speech that went into the phonograph. It is expected that Bryan's speech as ground out by the phonograph will play an important part in the campaign.

NEGROES FOR BRYAN.

Dissatisfied With McKinley, So Will Vote for the Party Which Disfranchised Them.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—W. J. Bryan had a conference today with a delegation of colored men, headed by J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, former minister to Liberia. They represented that there was much dissatisfaction among the members of their race with the present administration, and assured Bryan that he would receive the votes of many of them.

They, therefore, urged the importance of the organization of Democratic clubs.

TESTIMONY ALL IN.

Argument Before the Jury in the Goebel Murder Case Begins Today.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Aug. 12.—The hearing of testimony in the case of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers was concluded today, and tomorrow the argument before the jury will begin. There will be five speeches on each side. The case is expected to reach the jury by Saturday. Judge Cantrell has announced that Yontley's case will be taken up immediately.

NO CIRCUS FOR PORTLAND.

Council Passes an Ordinance Making License Fee \$5,000.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—The city council today passed an ordinance making the license fee for circuses \$5,000 for each performance.

A council man stated that the license was placed at practically a prohibitive figure for the purpose of preventing a circus from performing here during the week of the Elks' street fair in September.

KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR.

Well-Known Citizen of Portland Run Over on East Ankeny Street.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—Robert J. Marsh, a well-known citizen, was run over and killed this afternoon by an electric car of the City and Suburban line, on East Ankeny street.

BOERS HAVE NO CASH FOR BRYAN

Rumor That Kruger Gives Three Million Dollars is Denied.

OTHER USE FOR THEIR MONEY

Nor Did Webster Davis Get \$125,000 for the Democratic Campaign Fund—Boer Officials Emphatically Deny Both Stories.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Touching a dispatch from Pretoria and printed in London, Aug. 10, in which it was stated that President Kruger is contributing \$3,000,000 to the election of William J. Bryan, and also that Webster Davis had received \$125,000 from the same source as a contribution for the Democratic campaign fund, Chas. D. Pierce, a consul general, and P. Lauler Wessels, a special commissioner of the South African Republic in this city, today gave out a denial of both statements, adding to the denial the following: "The Boers have other and better uses for their funds."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEET.

Seventeen Thousand Men to Live Under Canvas at Detroit.

DETROIT, Aug. 12.—Seventeen thousand men under canvas is the estimate made by Major-General James Carnahan, of the Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, for the attendance at the coming biennial encampment which opens in Detroit Sunday, Aug. 26. Four thousand, five hundred tents will arrive here this week, and the work of erecting camp will take eight days.

The camp ground is seven complete squares on the boulevard near Belle Isle. The city has built special sewers and water mains through the camp and 600 incandescent lamps will be used in illuminating. Five thousand Knights will parade on August 25, and the carnival features will surpass any previous attempt. The \$10,000 prize drills, for which 43 companies have entered, will begin August 29.

GOLD GOING TO EUROPE.

Total Outgo of Fourteen Millions in the Present Movement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The international monetary situation was given considerable prominence in Wall street today through the engagement of \$5,500,000 gold for export to Europe tomorrow and Wednesday.

No effect was produced on the local money market by the gold engagements of today, which bring the total outgo on this movement up to \$14,000,000.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—Wheat, unchanged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Wheat, December, 11½; cash 10½.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Wheat, September, opening 74½@74½; closing 75¼ @ 75½.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 12.—Wheat, September, 3s. 11½d.

NEWSPAPER MAN BACKSLIDES.

Wants to Be Democratic Senator From Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 12.—Gilbert M. Hitchcock, published of the Omaha World-Herald, will print in that paper tomorrow a letter to the voters of Nebraska, announcing that he will be a Democratic candidate for senator to succeed John M. Thurston before the next legislature.

ADVANCE IN SUGAR.

Fresh Advance of Fifteen Cents Per Hundred Yesterday.

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—Sugar of all grades was advanced fifteen cents per hundred today, making a total advance of thirty cents per hundred within the past week.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT HUGHES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Robert A. Hughes, president of the Rodgers Locomotive Company, is dead, at his home in Paterson, N. J. Death was due to general debility, resulting from old age.

METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Silver, 93½ cent, unchanged.