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## ALLIES CAPTURE PEKIN AFTER OBSTINATE RESISTANCE BY CHINESE

On Wednesday the Legations Were Found Still Safe and Are Surrounded by the Allied Forces.

### JAPANESE TROOPS LOST 100 BUT KILLED 300 CHINESE

Powers Will Protect Native Christians—State Department Pays No Stock in Seasonal Report That Consul Goodnow Is Guilty of Complicity With Chinese—British Troops Will Land at Shanghai Today—Collapse of Chinese Resistance Said to Be Due to their Failure to Flood the Country.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Pekin was relieved on the night of the 15th. This was the message received last evening at the Imperial customs in London from the commissioner of customs in Che Foo.

It is the only official message that has reached England in confirmation of the earlier reports. Admiral Remy's dispatch not having arrived in time for publication in the London papers this morning.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The allied forces have captured and entered Pekin in the face of an obstinate resistance, and the members of the foreign legations are safe.

Official confirmation of the fall of the Chinese capital came to the United States state department today in the shape of two cablesgrams, one from Admiral Remy and the other from Consul Fowler at Che Foo. The cablegram from Admiral Remy came to hand first, early in the evening, followed very soon after by that of Consul Fowler.

Admiral Remy's dispatch is as follows: "Taku, Aug. 17.—1 a. m.—Bureau of Navigation, Washington. I have just received a telegram from Tien Tsin, dated the 16th, 10 a. m.: 'Pekin has been captured on Aug. 15. The foreign legations are safe. Details follow shortly.' "REMY."

That from Consul Fowler, giving important details of occurrences at the time of the capture of the city was given out in the subjoined official statement:

"The Foo, Aug. 17.—The Japanese admiral reports that the allies attacked Pekin on the 15th. Obstinately resisting, the Japanese entered the capital with the other forces. Immediately they surrounded the legations. The inmates are safe. The Japanese loss is over 100."

Previous information which had been received here showed that the allies took possession of Tung Chow on the 15th inst.

From that city to Pekin the distance is not more than a dozen miles. It seems evident, therefore, that the armies halted for a time at Tung Chow for the purpose of giving the men a rest and preparing for the attack upon the capital city in force after waiting until the rear of the advancing hosts should arrive at the front.

Possibly also the delay was the result of negotiations begun by Chinese officials looking to the delivery of the ministers with Chinese or other escorts. If negotiations were attempted they must have failed, as the army continued on its march and attacked the capital three days after reaching Tung Chow.

Contrary to press reports of today, Consul Fowler's dispatch shows that the attack on the city met with strong resistance. The Japanese force engaged with the advance, according to the understanding of officials here, numbered 10,000 men, so the loss suffered by them was over one per cent.

No announcement is made of losses in the forces of the other armies, but it is presumed that they were in proportion to that of the Japanese.

Cabinet officials said today that unquestionably the native Christians in China, said to number several thousand, will be included in any arrangement made between this government and China incident to the cessation of hostilities.

It may be arranged for them to go to the Philippines, or one of many other places that are available may be adopted.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Germany beyond any doubt is preparing everything for an autumn and winter campaign in China. One striking evidence of this is the fact that a steamer has been chartered for December to carry to China material for a 90-mile field railroad.

TUNG CHOW, Aug. 12.—The Japanese entered Tung Chow today blowing open the gates. Where the heaviest opposition was expected none was offered. The Chinese are reported retreating to Pekin and deserting by wholesale. The allies are camping to-

day about the walled city of Tung Chow, after seven miles of marching under a terrible sun. Many Americans and British are present.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—A number of refugees have arrived from China on the steamer Hong Kong Maru. Among them are Dr. P. C. Leslie, of Montreal. Dr. Leslie, who has no less than 15 wounds on his body as the result of his encounter with the Chinese, tells the story of their escape from the mission in Honan. He said: "There were only three revolvers in the party. Two or three hundred Chinese made a furious attack upon us, completely surrounding us. They pelted us with bricks and stones, at the same time slashing away with swords. We brought our three revolvers into play and fought like demons to protect the women and children. We killed several Chinese. Just as things were beginning to look hopeless for us some of the Chinese pounced upon our valuables.

"It was now evident that they valued our belongings more than our heads. They fell to fighting among themselves and robbed us of everything we had, even going so far as to cut the skirts off the women."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The state department takes no stock in the story put forth by the Chinese Gazette at Shanghai, accusing Consul Goodnow of complicity with the Chinese. On the contrary, he is spoken of in the very blindest terms and his course in the trying situation is commended. A number of statements have appeared concerning Mr. Goodnow's suggestion about the landing of British troops. The only part which Mr. Goodnow took in this matter was to inform the state department that he doubted the wisdom of landing troops of one nation without others having the same privilege.

It also is said that the Chinese Gazette is a British paper and positively represents a sentiment existing among the British in Shanghai. The German troops at Taku. The German troops at Taku are also reported to be in the vicinity of the city.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 17.—The British troops will land here tomorrow. All is quiet here and in the Yangtze Valley.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The collapse of Chinese resistance is explained in dispatches from Shanghai as being due to the failure of the Chinese to flood the country below Tung Chow. The earthworks connected with the dam at Pei Ho were unfinished and the canal at Tung Chow was full of water, facilitating boat transportation when the allies arrived there.

Signals between the allies and the legations holding part of the wall at Pekin were exchanged during the morning of August 15th.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Dispatches from Shanghai say that troops are still arriving at Taku. The German troops reports Wittkind and Frankfurt are due there today.

The Russian transport Nijni Novgorod ran on a reef on August 14.

The Japanese cruiser Takasago, which went ashore recently, has been towed off and is now at Port Arthur.

A dispatch from Yokohama, under today's date, announces that an official telegram from Seoul, the capital of Korea, says the inhabitants of Poyong Yong district, adjoining the frontier, are alarmed at the landing of one thousand Russians in that neighborhood.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "The news of the rapid progress of the relief force, received on Wednesday evening, increased the tension with which intelligence from China was awaited yesterday. There was a general expectation that decisive information might be received in the course of the day and at an early hour many press men and others called at the war office and the Chinese embassy to make inquiries only to learn that no news had been received up to evening. The foreign office was also visited in vain, nothing having been heard there since the last cipher dispatch from Sir Claude MacDonald was handed in two days ago. The Chinese minister received cable dispatches from China in the course of the afternoon and promptly drove down to the foreign office, but it was understood that he had no definite announcement to make with reference to the absorbing topic of the moment.

Little value was attached to statements that the allies had reached Pekin on Monday. This is likely to be true, as it is known from Admiral Remy that the allies were at Tung Chow on the 15th and the officers commanding the British lines of communication telegraphed on Monday that General Gaselle was probably in Pekin that day, but the newspaper reports referred to do not make much impression.

"By calculating the probabilities," says one of the evening journals caustically remarks, "the Foo and Shanghai correspondents would find that the allied army might, could, would or should have reached Pekin by Monday. In this way they also calculated that the Pekin Europeans were massacred only daily and they would be followed by other foreign contingents. Viceroy Liu took alarm and last Friday telegraphed asking that the Indians should be sent away. The British consul refused to do so, but subsequently Liu said he would admit the British, but would not consent to international occupation. Admiral Seymour was ordered to keep the men on the transports pending a reply to the British ultimatum. They have remained, waiting in the steaming river, while the diplomatists endeavor to settle their differences.

If, after all, the ships should be ordered north, the blow to British prestige would be as bad as when Russia was permitted to occupy Port Arthur. But as it happens, the whole foreign community is really alarmed by the fact that this withdrawal might have on the Chinese mind, and all the foreign consuls at Shanghai have agreed to a joint resolution to their respective governments representing the dangerous consequences of now removing the Indians from Wei Sung. They suggest that they should be followed by the other foreign contingents. This solution is very unsatisfactory to the British government, which claims a paramount interest in the Yangtze region. But it will probably have to be accepted to avoid the alternatives of a humiliating retreat or a serious friction with France and Russia. The Chinese minister in London says that the landing of a large foreign force might precipitate a rising in southern China but no harm will result if only small detachments are employed to secure the safety of the Shanghai settlements.

Japan is understood to be supporting Great Britain in this matter, owing to the extreme irritation felt in the island empire at the conduct of Russia in taking advantage of the general confusion to appropriate New Chwang. The Japanese, who have done the hardest and most brilliant work in the Peikin relief operations are naturally incensed at finding Russia already beginning the annexation of Chinese territory. One consequence is likely to be the dispatch of a powerful Japanese army to Korea at an early date.

The middle over the Shanghai question would perhaps have been avoided if Lord Salisbury and his influential cabinet were in consultation, but with his doctors at a remote watering place in the Vosges, and the other ministers are scattered about on the continent or in various English and Scotch country houses. The success of the nation has not been conducted from day to day by the under secretary of foreign affairs and a few chief clerks in Downing street.

NEW YORK, August 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from Taku, Tsun, August 8, via Che Foo, Monday, said: "The allied column at noon arrived here. Their march was unimpeded. The Japanese were in advance and report that the Chinese are in the next two villages, Cheun Chand and Ho Si Wu."

A messenger from Pekin reached the Japanese before noon. One message was in cipher. It was forwarded to Tien Tsin. The other message was from the Japanese Consul. It was handed to General Chaffee. It was dated August 4, the foreigners in Pekin were still holding out, their condition being critical but not hopeless. The main is advancing as rapidly as possible.

WHISKEY TRUST IN TROUBLE. Prospect of the Dissolution of the American Distilleries Company.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 17.—Application was made today by the court of chancery for the dissolution of the American Distilleries Company, of America, which is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capitalization of \$125,000,000. The application was made on behalf of Henry I. Dittman and Kallman Hass, of New York, who are stockholders of the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company. The latter company was one of the four that were absorbed by the Distilleries Company of America, and itself controls a large number of smaller concerns.

They claim they are acting for themselves and others, and maintain that the management of the Distilleries Company of America is inimical to the interests of the Kentucky Company. The other companies which have been absorbed by the Distilleries Company of America are the American Spirits Manufacturing Company, the Spirits Distributing Company and the Standard Distilling and Distributing Company.

DIN'S REVIEW OF TRADE. Failures for the Week About the Same as During the Corresponding Week of Last Year.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

After a great wave of advancing prices optimism as to business is generally dangerous. But the top was reached the middle of March, since which time a reaction has come in every great industry, so that consumers are asking whether in some directions the decline may not have been reasonably as large as was the advance, and whether buying on the present basis of prices is not fairly sure. There are fresh evidences of weakness in raw

materials, notably the break in structural iron, but each one is availed of to place heavy contracts.

New York is welcoming buyers from all over the country in larger numbers than for many years at this season.

The failures for the week were 161 in the United States against 156 last year, and 34 in Canada against 24 last year.

ROUTE PARTLY ARRANGED. Roosevelt is Having His Dates Arranged for Him.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Henry C. Payne, vice-chairman of the Republican national committee, gives out the following as the correct itinerary of Roosevelt as far as agreed upon up to this evening and from which there will be no deviation:

Saratoga, N. Y., September 5; Detroit, Mich., September 6; Grand Rapids, Mich., September 7; South Bend, Ind., September 7; Lacrosse, Wis., September 10; Fargo, N. D., September 14; Bismark, N. D., September 15; Helena, September 17; Butte, September 18th.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Gov. Roosevelt came from Oyster Bay and had a conference with Chairman Hanna, Senator Scott and Cornelius N. Bliss, on his itinerary. He said: "My itinerary will have to be materially changed from that published this morning. There has been a flood of telegrams from places I was supposed to visit, and a good many people will be disappointed. The changes will probably be made in a few days."

OFFICERS ELECTED. Women of Woodcraft Select Many Oregon Women.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 17.—The Women of Woodcraft held a protracted session last night at which the following grand officers were chosen for the ensuing two years:

Grand guardian, Mrs. Carrie C. Van Orsdall, of Pendleton, Oregon; grand advisor, Mrs. M. E. Bernstein, of Hanford, California; grand clerk, J. L. Wright, of Leadville, Colorado; grand banker, Mrs. Mary A. Harley, of Portland, Oregon; grand managers, Mrs. Annie Hawkins, of Toledo, Oregon; Mrs. Rose McCroskey, of Palouse, Washington; Mrs. Lillian E. Pollock, M. D., of Denver, Colorado; grand magician, Mrs. Bessie Martin, of Chehalis, Washington; grand attendant, Mrs. Helen M. Southwick, of Salem, Oregon; grand inner sentinel, Mrs. Cora Wilson, of Pullman, Washington; grand outer sentinel, Mrs. May Hollywood, of Victor, Colorado.

RACE WAR IN GEORGIA. National Guard Called Out to Quell a Negro Uprising.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—At the request of Deputy Sheriff Hendry of Liberty County, in a remote southeastern portion of the state, Governor Chandler has ordered out the Liberty Guards, a company of the Georgia National guard, to quell an uprising of negroes in that section, where the blacks outnumber the whites three to one. Trouble has been brewing for some time. One white man was killed several days ago in a quarrel with negroes and since that time discontent has grown on both sides, until now a race war seems imminent.

It is reported that the negroes are burning Johnston station, a small town about 50 miles from Savannah. Two negroes are reported killed for resisting arrest.

DE WET ESCAPED. Lord Kitchener Lost Him and After a Forced March Relieved Colonel Hoare.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 17.—Lord Kitchener after a forced march has relieved Colonel Hoare and his big garrison at Elands river.

PRETORIA, Aug. 16.—General De Wet has managed to elude General Kitchener in spite of the fact that all the British wagons had doubled teams of picked animals. The Boers evaded the British by marching at night over grounds known to them, while their pursuers were obliged to march in the day-time.

CARNEGIE WANTS A MONOPOLY. His Company Seeking to Buy All the Big Blast Furnace Plants.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 17.—The Post tomorrow will say:

The control of the production of pig metal in this country is being secured by the Carnegie company. It is seeking to buy all the big blast furnace plants in the United States.

The fact that the Carnegie company has contracted for 16,000,000 tons of iron ore annually, when six millions will amply supply its present plans, is taken as an indication that it expects to acquire other plants of sufficient capacity to use the remaining tonnage.

FUGLIFT KILLED. Fatal Result of Fight at Greenwood Athletic Club in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—George Kelly in dying in Seney hospital in Brooklyn from the result of a knockout blow delivered by Michael Myers in a "try-out" bout at the Greenwood Athletic Club last night. The boys were deadly enemies on account of a young girl, and sought the ring so the grudge could be settled regularly. Kelly has not regained consciousness.

RAILROAD TO DAWSON. Money Has Been Subscribed in London for Its Construction.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 17.—The Times says that the money for McKenna & Mann's railway, from the Great Lakes to the Pacific, with a branch line to Dawson, has been subscribed in London. The Pacific terminus will be on the northern coast of British Columbia.

MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRAT. Will Probably Re-Nominate the Ticket of Last Year.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—The Post says that the Democratic state ticket this fall will be Robert Treat Paine, Jr., and John B. Mack—the same ticket as last fall.

The state committee will meet in a few days, probably next week, and decide upon the candidate and place of holding the state convention. It will probably be held in Boston.

METAL MARKET. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Silver, 61; lead, dull, 45.

## LAST RITES PAID RAILROAD KING

Offices Closed Out of Respect to C. P. Huntington's Memory.

### SIMPLE FUNERAL SERVICES

Interment Was in the Great Mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York—Piers of Great Liners Draped in Mourning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Services at the funeral of the late Collis P. Huntington, at the Fifth-avenue residence today, were marked with simplicity. They were conducted by Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, of the Presbyterian board of missions, in the drawing-room. The pallbearers were D. O. Mills, Edward King, Frederick H. Olcott, Edwin Hawley, Charles H. Tweed, Martin Erdmann, H. P. Schwinn and C. Adolph Low. After the exercises were concluded the casket was carried to the bears, and interment later was made in the Huntington mausoleum in Woodlawn cemetery.

Piers 25, 27 and 28, North river, which are used by the Morgan line, and the Southern Pacific company, were draped in memory of Mr. Huntington.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Elaborate preparations have been made by the officials and employees of the Southern Pacific Company for the Huntington memorial services at the First Presbyterian church today. They will be directed by Rev. Dr. McKenzie, the pastor.

Out of respect to the memory of Mr. Huntington, orders have been issued from the general office in this city for the closing of all general offices and shops on the system today. This applies to the general offices at San Francisco, Portland, Guaymas, Houston and New Orleans, and to the shops in this city, Sacramento, Oakland, Ogden, Wadsworth, Portland, Dunsmuir, Bakerfield, Los Angeles, Tucson, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and New Orleans. The Southern Pacific ticket office on Market street will remain closed between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 1 p. m., and as a mark of respect all the local freight and passenger offices of other transportation lines will remain closed during the same hours. The running of trains will not be interfered with, nor will any of the freight depots close freight being received and delivered as usual. In all offices in this city, Oakland and Alameda, that are open today, officials in charge of the same are instructed to excuse as many employees as they can during the hours of the church services.

ITALY'S KING HAS TROUBLE. Several of the Ministers Wish to Resign.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A special dispatch to the Temps from Rome says it is reported there that ministerial discord resulted from the recent conference between the king and his ministers, and that several of them wish to resign owing to their belief that they do not have his confidence. It is added that modifications in the cabinet are expected on the reassembling of parliament.

KANSAS CITY FIREMEN FIRST. At the Paris Exposition Drill They Were Unanimously Assigned First Place.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The preliminary contests in the exhibition of fire apparatus came off this afternoon at Vincennes some 5,000 firemen, representing all nations, participating. Of the American representatives, the Kansas City fire brigade caused great wonder by their quick harnessing and running, together with their method of life saving.

By common consent they were assigned first place.

ROUSING SEND-OFF. Much Red Fire Burned on the Departure of Battery C, Seventh Regiment.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—Light battery C, Seventh regiment, was given a rousing send-off last night on its departure from Fort Adams en route to join the forces in China. Local militia companies and citizens in general did escort duty and much red fire was burned.

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