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ALLIES NEED REINFORCEMENTS

Chinese Troops Are Surrounded in the Imperial Palace.

TROUBLE FEARED AT CANTON

Japanese Cavalry Has Left Peking in Pursuit of Empress Dowager and Her 30,000 Troops—More Troops Go to Shanghai.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Owing probably to the Peking wire being cut, little news of the conditions in the Chinese capital has come through this morning. What has reached London indicates that the allies are in need of reinforcements. The commander of the Italian cruiser Pieramosca telegraphs from Taku, according to the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail, that very urgent requests were coming from Peking on Saturday for immediate despatch of further troops, and that in answer to these, 400 Italian marines were sent off post haste.

Serious trouble is now threatened in the neighborhood of Canton. The Americans at Swatow, according to the Daily Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent, have applied for a warship in consequence of serious rioting, and the Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail says that a warship is on the way there, now.

A Japanese warship has left Yokohama for Shanghai, according to the Daily Mail, to land troops and to protect Japanese subjects. The Daily Mail also announces that Germany will send a detachment to Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The American reply to China's latest appeal for cessation of hostilities, received today from Li Hung Chang, has not yet been made known, and it is likely that the matter will be one of the main subjects for consideration at the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

But there is reason to believe that the conditions laid down in the American note of August 12th have not been complied with, and unless complied with the government's course must proceed without reference to China's appeal for a halt in the proceedings. The dispatch of August 12th said specifically that the United States was ready to enter into an agreement between the powers and the Chinese government for a cessation of hostilities on the condition that the relief forces should be permitted "to enter Peking unmolested," and escort the legation therefrom under such circumstances as the commanding general might lay down.

But up to the present time there is no evidence that the allied forces are unmolested at Peking or have received the sanction of the imperial government to convey the legation to Tien Tsin without further trouble and under conditions laid down by the commanding general. On the contrary all dispatches indicate that the allies are meeting with stubborn resistance, and there is entire lack of compliance with the conditions laid down by the United States in its dispatch of August 12th.

Aside from the fact that the conditions of August 12 have not been complied with by China, it is probable that this government would desire to take sufficient time to learn what the other powers intend doing on the same line as all are acting in unison. Moreover there are some unexplained features of Li Hung Chang's application, one of them being that while he asks the allies to cease hostilities he gives no assurance that he has power to make the Chinese army and the rebellious Boxers cease their hostilities.

The Japanese legation received a dispatch stating that the Chinese troops retreated on the 15th within the imperial palace and that they were surrounded there with the Japanese military whose headquarters are located in the Japanese legation.

Admiral Remy also transmitted an authentic report from Peking on the 15th, saying:

"Troops moving on imperial city."

These several dispatches from different sources establish clearly that the imperial palace and grounds were un-

der siege. But not one of the dispatches is clear as to how late this condition of affairs existed. Today's dispatches seem to make clear that the emperor and empress dowager have made their escape from Peking and that about the only present service of the imperial palace and grounds is as an asylum in which the demoralized Chinese soldiers are making their last stand.

The state department today issued the following statement:

"The acting secretary of state, makes public the receipt of a telegram today from Consul-General [redacted], dated the 20th inst., reporting a statement of the governor of Shan Tung, that the empress left Peking on the 13th for Sian Fu in the province of Shen Si, and that Princes Ching and Tuan and Victor Kan Yi are still at Peking. Sian Fu appears to be another version of the name of the capital of Shen Si, where there is an imperial palace. It is otherwise Hai An, Si An and Si Ngan, suffix Fu, denoting city, which is the seat of administration.

The state department today made public the following:

"Che Foo, Aug. 20, 1900.—Hagedale reports Chinese troops surrounded in the palace grounds. FOWLER." Hagedale is the consul at Tien Tsin.

The state department is in receipt of a telegram from Levi S. Cox, consul of the United States at Hankow, China, dated Shanghai, August 18, in which he states that he has removed to Shanghai, as have the other Americans who were in Hankow.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Japanese cavalry has left Peking in pursuit of the empress dowager and her court, according to telegrams from the North, received at Shanghai by Chinese officials.

These dispatches aver that the empress and her treasure train, protected by 30,000 troops, have already arrived at Wu Tai San, in Shan Si province. The field telegraph north of Yang Tsin is interrupted and nothing under Peking date appears to have reached Yang Tsin since August 17. Heavy rains have been falling in the province of Pe Chi Li.

The landing of the British troops at Shanghai is not causing excitement among the natives. A detachment of 100 French marines landed there today. A customs cruiser is reported to have gone to Tien Tsin to take away the foreigners rescued from Peking.

Many influential Chinese have interested themselves in the fate of a Chinaman sentenced by an English court at Hong Kong to six months' imprisonment at hard labor because he was a member of a triad society.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Japanese legation has received several important dispatches. One received today from Tokio, dated August 19, says:

"After entry into Peking was effected by the allied troops, the Chinese troops on August 15 took themselves to and remained in the imperial palace. A body of Japanese troops was told off to guard the palace and there they met with obstinate resistance by the Chinese troops. Fighting is still going on. The headquarters of the Japanese army is in the location, and the division is mainly quartered in the villages outside of An Ting Man."

Another telegram, dated the 19th, gives the report of the Japanese consul-general at Shanghai, saying Shang credits the report that the empress dowager and probably also the emperor had left Peking, as the privy council crossed the Luken bridge on the 15th, bearing the banner of the imperial cortege. Also that Prince Ching is still in Peking, although Prince Tuan has followed the empress dowager.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Chinese government, through Li Hung Chang, has made application to the United States for the appointment of Minister Conger, or some other American official with authority to open negotiations for the establishment of peace and fixing definite terms for the settlement of the present trouble.

The application came to the Chinese minister today, and was taken by him to the state department.

Li Hung Chang's application for the appointment of a peace commissioner expresses willingness to conduct the negotiations at a point desired by the powers, and it is expected that this will be Peking or Tien Tsin.

A similar application has been made by Earl Li to all of the other powers interested.

His suggestion of Minister Conger as the commissioner is based on the idea that as Minister Conger has been rescued he has now the opportunity to

TWO HUNDRED HOUSES WRECKED

Two Destructive Tornadoes Ruin Buildings and Crops.

CARS LIFTED FROM TRACK

Loss in Wisconsin Over \$300,000—Everything Wrecked in the Storm's Path—Fences and Signs Hurlled Hundreds of Feet.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 20.—A special from Sheboygan, Wis., says:

A terrific wind storm struck this city this afternoon. Eight large buildings were completely wrecked and two hundred small houses blown down. The loss will be more than \$300,000. At noon it was as dark as night and intensely hot. A few moments before 1 o'clock the storm broke, increasing in force until a tornado was blowing. Persons were thrown down and fences and signs hurled hundreds of feet. The storm was two miles wide and wrecked everything in its path. All was over in ten minutes. That no one was killed seems almost a miracle.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 20.—A special to the Dispatch tells of heavy damage to property and crops in North Dakota by severe electrical storms. At Nicholson, Towel and other places, many buildings were wrecked and cars lifted from the track by the fierce wind. The rainfall was over two inches.

SALMON PRICES FIXED.

Alaska Packers' Association Announces Figures for Its 1900 Pack.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Representatives of the Alaskan Packers' Association have fixed prices on the 1900 pack of Alaska salmon as follows:

Horseshoe, a trial brand, \$1.20, and other tables \$1.12½. As to these figures, however, a concession amounting to 2½ cents per dozen is made on all straight lots of five hundred cases or over of one brand which can be shipped immediately upon arrival at San Francisco and on which the expense of holding until the arrival of other brands will be spared the association. The buyer is to be given the full benefit of this saving, as all salmon in the quantity named will be killed at 1.17½ for Horseshoe, and \$1.10 for other brands.

No prices have been named on sockeye, medium red and pink salmon, it is said, owing to the poor reports as to the pack made from the various canneries. Estimates as to the probable shortage on the entire coast vary considerably, ranging from 200,000 cases to 1,000,000 cases below the pack of last year. The actual shortage figures are, of course, not available, the returns from the various canneries not being complete.

COULD NOT BE BLUFFED.

Confederate General Proposes to Work for National Unity Regardless of Criticism.

ATLANTA, Aug. 20.—General J. B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has replied to a resolution recently adopted by the camp of confederate veterans of New Orleans, condemning the Blue and Gray reunion at Atlanta, recommending that no more similar reunions be held and protesting against General Gordon accepting his invitation to the G. A. R. reunion at Chicago.

General Gordon says:

"My own conscience and my own conception of duty must be my guide in the future as in the past. I must be the judge now and hereafter of the propriety of accepting invitations from any section of the country or from any class of my fellow countrymen."

"I shall continue the efforts which I have made for thirty years in the interest of sectional harmony and unity."

ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING.

Man and Woman Tried to Put a Wealthy Man in a Sanitarium.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Henry W. Helst, of Elmira, and a woman named Mrs. Sirel, of this city, have been arrested on a charge of kidnaping. It is claimed that Helst induced ex-Alderman Ebel, a wealthy man, to go to a hotel here, and preparations were being made to remove him to a sanitarium at Elmira. The woman is said to have been a former employe of Mr. Ebel. Helst finally informed the police and the arrests followed.

EARTHQUAKE AT DAWSON.

Mountain Split in Two and Stream Changed Its Course.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—A special to the Record, from Vancouver, B. C., says: The steamer Cutch which has arrived

from Skagway brought news that an earthquake on August 19 shook Skagway for seventy seconds and was even more severely felt in Dawson. All the way down the river the shock was apparent and at several places was particularly defined. At Dawson two small government buildings in course of construction were toppled over. Arrivals from the Stewart river, half way down the Yukon to Dawson, say the mountain there was split in two. One stream was dammed up partially by fallen rock and it tumbled into the newly formed canon at the mountain. Five miles of this stream and two miles of the second tributary of the Stewart were left dry.

SMALL WHEAT YIELD.

Indiana Produces This Year Little More Than Enough for Seeding.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—A special to the Times-Herald from Wabash, Ind., says: Reliable grain dealers from all parts of the state have collected statistics showing the total yield of wheat in Indiana for the present year is the smallest for many years, and not exceeding 8,000,000 bushels against from 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 for several years in succession prior to 1899. The crop is a practical failure, there being but little more than enough grain raised for seeding, and leaving a shortage of 1,000,000 bushels.

M'KINLEY ATTENDS G. A. R.

Will Make No Lengthy Speeches in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington Friday afternoon to attend the annual encampment of the G. A. R.

It was stated here today that President McKinley intends to deliver no set or lengthy speeches while in Chicago attending the G. A. R. encampment.

Chief Detective Collieran said today that all distinguished guests will be amply protected at the G. A. R. encampment.

MINERS SHOT BY HOLDUPS.

Two Were Killed at Florence, Colorado.

DENVER, Aug. 20.—A special to the News, from Florence, Colo., says: George Bonah and Joe Juhasz, miners, were shot by holdups at Brookside, a coal-mining town, five miles from here, Bonah being instantly killed and Juhasz fatally wounded. O. A. Havens and Joseph Graham have been arrested on suspicion.

FOUR DEATHS FROM HEAT.

Cincinnati and Chicago Still Suffer From the Hot Weather.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20.—The mercury touched 93 today. There were two deaths from heat and ten prostrations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—The intense heat today resulted in a number of prostrations and two deaths.

ANOTHER GUST OF WIND.

Bryan Has Completed His Topeka Speech to the Populists.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 20.—Bryan has practically completed his Topeka speech today. The speech will be only about half the length of his Indianapolis speech, and it will be a reply both to the Populist nomination and the monetary league endorsement.

NEW TURKISH MINISTER.

Head of the Cipher Bureau of the Foreign Office Will Come to America.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 20.—Scheib Bey, head of the cipher bureau of the foreign office, has been appointed Turkish minister to the United States in place of Ali Ferrough Bey, recalled.

STILL ONE HUNDRED DEGREES.

Temperature Reached 115 Degrees in Kansas Yesterday.

ABILENE, Kas., Aug. 20.—This was the eleventh day of one hundred degree weather and the temperature rose to 115 with hot winds. Pastures and corn are badly burned.

WON CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

Kansas City Firemen Will Bring It Home From Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The Kansas City firemen, in a class created at the exposition for paid firemen, won the world's championship cup.

STEWART FOR M'KINLEY.

Famous Silver Senator Will Unite With the Great Majority.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Senator Win. Stewart, of Nevada, called at Republican headquarters today and said he had decided to vote for President McKinley.

METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Silver, 61½; lead, brokers, 4; exchange, 42½.

WILL BRING WHEAT BY ITS OWN LINE

O. R. & N. Will Run Down North Side of Columbia.

COLUMBIA TO BE BRIDGED

Right of Way Secured From Portland to the River's Mouth via Vancouver—I. R. & N. Co. Will Sell Out.

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—The Oregonian tomorrow will say:

"It is considered by many as quite certain that the purchase of the property of the Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company by the O. R. & N. will be consummated in the near future and that a railroad will be built by the O. R. & N. from Frankfort, a point 80 miles below Portland on the Washington shore, to Ilwaco. This will give the O. R. & N. Co. control of Seaside travel between Portland and North Beach.

"Behind this is the prospect of the O. R. & N. Co. building a railroad from Portland to Frankfort. It is known that L. Gerlinger, a Vancouver brewer, has secured the right of way for a railroad down the Washington shore of the Columbia and that a survey of this line has been made this summer.

"It is surmised that the survey has been made in the interest of the O. R. & N., and that it is probable that if at any time the O. R. & N. is forced to haul wheat to the mouth of the river, it will, by building this road and a bridge across the Columbia, be able to do so over its own line."

DE WET NEAR PRETORIA.

Fought Yesterday With the British Forces Under General Mahon.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A special dispatch from Pretoria announces that General De Wet bivouacked five miles from the city and General Mahon was briskly engaged him yesterday (Monday) morning.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A dispatch has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Ian Hamilton captured two Krupp guns at Oliphant's Nek, August 17. Three British were wounded. "Hamilton engaged the Boers all day August 19 at Roodekopjes and Crocodile river. There were few casualties.

"Rundle reports that 684 Boers surrendered in the Harrismith district, on August 19."

BRYAN CAUSES A BOYCOTT.

Grand Army Posts Refuse to Send Delegates to the Encampment Because He Was Invited.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—James Morrison, state department commander of the G. A. R., announced today that but three of the thirty-six posts in this city, with a membership of 7,000, will send delegations to the national encampment in Chicago next week. Commander Morrison stated that this act is the result of the invitation extended to William J. Bryan to attend the encampment.

"It is customary," said Morrison, "to invite the president, but never a candidate, and old soldiers express indignation because they object to politics being injected into the encampment. The delegation from this city will consist of about 150 men."

MONUMENT TO FLOYD.

Cornerstone Laid at Sioux City, Iowa, Yesterday.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 20.—The cornerstone of a monument to Sergeant Chas. Floyd, of the Lewis and Clark expedition, was laid today.

ANOTHER LYNCHER SENTENCED.

The Fourth Who Will Go to the Penitentiary for Life.

PALESTINE, Tex., Aug. 20.—Walter Wilkerson was today convicted of participation in Humphrey's lynching in May, 1888, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Three others who have been sentenced for the same offense.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54c; Valley, 54c; bluestem, 56c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Wheat, December, 1894; cash, 102½.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Wheat, September, opened, 73½, closed, 73½; barley, feeding, 37; malting, 41, 45; fax, No. 1 Northwestern, 135.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 20.—Wheat, September, 3s. 11¼d.

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