

# GREATEST MASSACRE OF MODERN TIMES ABOUT TO OCCUR IN CHINA

## Secretary of Six Companies Sends Warning to American Friends in Orient

### JAPANESE DECLARED TO BE UNCLE SAM'S FOES

#### Little Brown Men Said by Senator to Be Back of Boycott—No Opposition in Congress to Belligerent Policy of Administration.

(Special Special Service.)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—A special from Cincinnati states that Wong Fong, former secretary of the Six Companies in San Francisco, who is visiting here, today said he thought the Boxer trouble in China was about to culminate in the greatest massacre of modern times. He issued the following warning to several American friends last night, telegraphing it to Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco:

"The blow is about to fall. Cable warning your friends to leave China at once. Tell them to seek protection of Germany temporarily and get out of the country before February 24."

Fong explained the purport of his messages as follows:

"I received word this morning that an order had been sent out in subordination of the Chinese Reform association to throw off all foreign elements in our country, starting February 25. The association is ostensibly patriotic."

### ALARMING NEWS RECEIVED

News from China grows more alarming daily. Senators are giving the matter serious consideration. One senator declared today:

"The Japanese are behind this. The Japanese are the most implacable enemies of America in China. In the struggle for commercial supremacy they are pitting strength and unscrupulousness against the United States. Tarr and Root must have the money to prepare for the campaign sure to come and must expect to protect by force the Americans in China. They must have money to put the machinery in motion and must have troops ready, for we may need them at any time."

The senator is using the argument to urge his colleagues to action. There is no attempt whatever in government

## ESCAPE DEATH BY MAD LEAPS

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other minor injuries by jumping from the second story window.

R. H. Babcock, a wealthy lumberman from Lansing, Michigan, leaped in his undereclothes from the window of his room and broke his leg when he struck the hard pavement.

Mrs. Brovne gave a graphic story of the escape of herself and her boarders from the blazing building.

"I was awakened from a sound sleep by my son, who rushed into my room calling 'fire, mother!' she said. 'Mrs. Edmunds was in the same room with me. My son told me it was impossible to get out of the building unless we jumped. We could see the flames coming into the room and the smoke was stifling. He broke open the window and told me to jump, which I did. I landed on the awning and rolled off. I was so excited that I hardly knew what was happening. I lost everything I had and got out only in my night clothes. I consider that we were extremely fortunate in escaping with our lives, as the building was a roaring furnace."

Jumped From Window.

Mrs. Nan Edmunds said she was dazed and did not realize what was happening.

"Buster Browns told me to jump," she said, "and without realizing what was happening because I was so frightened and dazed by the fire and smoke, I followed Mrs. Browns out of the window. Fred Kruger followed me and he picked me up and carried me out of danger. He was badly injured by the fall, and his arm is broken."

Mrs. Edmunds' home is in The Dalles and she was telegraphed to her parents

circles to minimize the seriousness of the Chinese situation, but at the same time it is held by most officials that the outbreak is not actually imminent.

### NO OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS

Mail reports that come regularly to the state department from diplomatic and consular sources throughout the Chinese empire show the varying degree of danger. In the meantime the war department is actively making preparations for trouble in China. It is maintained that measures such as have been taken, which include the sending of two more regiments of infantry and two batteries of field artillery to the Philippines, are precautionary only, and that the administration does not intend to be caught in an embarrassing situation in the event of actual and serious difficulties.

Additional regiments in the Philippines will give the government a strong force there. Whether this force will be enough will depend upon further developments. In the event that reports are received indicating that the coming uprising is imminent, further measures will be taken, involving the sending of more troops.

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It has been suggested by army officers that the Philippine scouts, a local military organization of the Philippines, made up of natives and officers by Americans, be used in China if there is trouble. It is held that the scouts would fight good against the Chinese and would stand conditions in China and live more cheaply than Americans.

It is said the reason the administration is so active in its position with the Peking government is that there will be no political opposition in congress to the Chinese policy. Senators and representatives are satisfied that the situation will permit of no quibbling.

### DON'T KNOW WONG FONG

Six Companies in the Dark as to the Alleged Secretary.

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San Francisco, Feb. 12.—No one in Chinatown this morning seemed to know Wong Fong, who, in Cincinnati, predicted a general massacre of all foreigners in China. The dispatch says that Wong Fong is secretary of the Six Companies, but inquiries at headquarters of that organization failed to disclose anything about him. Loo Kan, president of the San Francisco societies of the Chinese Reform association, stated that the report that the Chinese Reform association was implicated in the trouble was untrue.

### HOUSE BURNED

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rapidly off to the hospital. My mother was the most severely burned. How the other members of the family received their burns and I escaped with the exception of a signed hair, I do not know. Everything happened so quickly I cannot begin to recall just what did occur when the flames leaped across the street.

Mamma went to the hospital in a buggy. Just after she jumped a man drove up in a rig. I think it was a fireman. I helped mamma into it and away they went. Later papa got into an ambulance. I helped him in, as I did my brother Floyd.

### NO TIME TO GET UP

"None of us had any time to get up. When the flames enveloped our place we were all upstairs, excepting Ed. I tried to run down and get him, but the flames were coming up the stairs and it was impossible. Where the flames came from so quickly I cannot tell. It was not five minutes from the time I went upstairs, when the flames were all on the other side of the wire and the house was so enveloped that it was impossible for me even to try to go downstairs and rescue my little brother."

"Just what our loss is I do not know. Papa brought the only pair of my pants at a sheriff's sale. What he gave for it I do not know. There was some insurance, but how much I do not know. You see, I have only been home but a few days. I have a sister, Mrs. Ottilie Train, who lives in Brooklyn suburb. She married mamma's brother."

### SOME NOT RECOVERED

Firemen Heard Cries in Building From Which No Bodies Were Taken.

The fact that persons perished in the flames whose bodies have not been recovered is evidenced by the statements made to Patrol Driver Price by men on the fireboat.

"As we neared the burning buildings," said Fireman Evans, "we heard cries of 'Help! Help!' and 'Oh! oh!' A second later the building collapsed and we heard no more calls or groans."

Patrolman H. E. Parker was one of the first on the scene and he ran quickly to the scene and did good work in assisting the injured. Parker gives a great deal of credit to Charlie Brown, an ex-special policeman, for prompt and efficient work at the fire.

The police patrol ambulance was unable to handle the injured fast enough, and Holman's ambulance from the Central stable was called into use. Five injured were conveyed to the hospital by the police ambulance.

### SURE THEY'RE SAFE

Lodge Says Mrs. Cooper and Miss Mericle Left Burning Building.

James Elliott, employed by the Standard Box & Lumber company, was among the number who escaped from the rooming house conducted by Mrs. Cooper. He declares that he is positive of the escape of Mrs. Cooper and Miss Mericle, a young girl employed by Mrs. Cooper, but cannot account for the other occupants of the place. There were seven occupants of the house besides himself and the two women.

Elliott lost \$50 in money and all his possessions with the exception of a part of a suit of clothing in which he escaped.

"There were seven persons in the place besides myself, Mrs. Cooper and Miss Mericle," said Elliott. "I know the two women escaped, but I have heard or seen nothing of the others. I had \$50 in money, which was all I had. It was lost with all my clothing except what I now have on, and everything I had."

"I don't know how the fire started. The first thing I knew when I awakened was that there was a deep, roaring sound and women and men shouting and screaming. I threw on a few clothes and jumped out. I'm lucky to get away as well as I did. I'm lucky to get away as well as I did."

The firemen are grateful to a so-called dweller named Ford, who lives on the south side of the bridge near the Rowing club's boathouse, for the many cups of hot coffee he made for them. Ford took one look at the fire and arranged

to all chance of escape would be cut off. I first ran to the frame street entrance and found it a smoking mass of flames. I then went to the Morrison street entrance to find a worse condition there. Immediately I realized that our only chance of escape was by jumping from the window.

### KNOWN OUT WINDOW

"The hallways were by that time filled with frantic men and women running about in their night clothes and attempting to carry their belongings with them. Calling to them to follow me I rushed to the room on the corner of Water and Morrison streets, occupied by two ship carpenters, broke open their door and rushed there and then knocked out the window.

"I then told the people that they must jump quickly, as it was their only means of escape from death in the flames. I succeeded in brooding Mrs. McElvin, the blind landlady, and she came into the hall. I took charge of her, led her to the window and told her to jump upon the awning beneath the window. She did so, and escaped with her leg and slight bruises about the body.

"One after the other, a dozen people jumped from the window, and nearly all escaped without any very serious injuries, excepting the hand of one who many received slight scratches and bruises. I was the last one to get out of the building at this place. Before I jumped, the flames were pressing me back, and I got over just in the nick of time. Because of the excitement, I could not tell who were among this crowd."

### ALL WERE ESCAPED

"I do not know whether we all got out of the Alpine or not. I think, however, that young Sanders, the son of A. B. Sanders of Cosmopolis, Washington, was burned. There may have been others who failed to awaken in time to escape the flames. The people in the other lodging-house adjoining the Alpine were not so fortunate in escaping, and I believe several of them perished. "Taking everything into consideration, all of us were fortunate to escape as we did. Not any of the roomers were able to save anything. All their belongings were burned. The houses were frail structures and burned like tinder, and it was only few minutes after I was aroused before the building we were in was a mass of flames."

Cooper visited the hospital to inquire after his friends in the same garb in which he escaped from the house. He had on a white shirt, a pair of overalls, an old coat, a hat that had been partially burned by the flames, a shoe on one foot and an old boot with the top off on the other.

He said that Mrs. McElvin kept a record of all her roomers, but that the register had burned, although he attempted to secure it. Because of this fact the names of the roomers could not be learned.

Mrs. McElvin said that there were between 20 and 25 guests in the house last night. She had no idea how many escaped.

### DAILEYS BADLY HURT

All but One of the Family Expected to Die.

L. F. Dailey is at Good Samaritan hospital with his face and hands horribly burned and his case will probably prove fatal. In a semi-conscious condition he tried to recall how he got out of the building. The door of the room was locked and he thought he must have broken it down, for he remembered receiving no aid. His wife and son escaped with him, and they also were terribly burned. They are at St. Vincent's hospital, unable to speak and there is little hope for their recovery. The father knew of their presence in the hospital, though he thought they were with him but he seemed to be unconscious of the death of the little one.

### PROPERTY LOSS

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Eighteen horses, all the trucks, rigs and feed were burned, making an estimated aggregate on building and contents between \$8,000 and \$9,000, covered by insurance amounting to \$4,000.

On the south side of the street the building on the corner was owned by L. F. Dailey, who conducted a cigar and candy store. The loss was total, amounting to about \$1,000. Insurance \$300. The two adjoining buildings occupied by the Bridge cafe and Wood's cigar store, were valued at \$750. The loss was total. The insurance, if any, is not known.

The East Portland Fence & Wire works sustained a loss of about \$1,000, insurance \$500; H. L. Brock, gaspipe dealer, in basement of Murphy's plumbing shop, loss about \$200, no insurance.

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Fun Lost in Fire.

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