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ARE NOT SO PESSIMISTIC

England Begins to Believe Ministers May Be Alive.

LONDON, July 25.—The tone of the European press with regard to the message dated July 4, received here from the British minister at Peking, Sir Claude MacDonald, continues pessimistic, and the endless and extraordinary succession of Chinese dispatches purporting to describe the situation at Peking only serve to bewilder.

However, the earlier unquestioning belief that a massacre took place has to some extent been shaken, and it is now admitted, despite the heavy load of evidence supporting the reports of the massacre, that as Sir Claude MacDonald's letter disposed of the first story alleging that the crime occurred June 30, so Minister Conger's dispatch and other stories reporting the legations safe July 10, 14 and 18, give some ground for assuming the possibility that the second reports were also unfounded.

Another version of the story reached General Li, commanding the Pei Tan forts, by a runner from Peking, who brought to him yesterday a report of anarchy in the Chinese capital, saying that the British legation was being bombarded when the messenger left Peking July 14. Prince Ching, this report says, was assisting the ministers, and his palace was protected by 10,000 Chinese troops.

Prince Ching, according to this report, considered himself able to cope with the situation.

The Morning Post's Berlin correspondent asserts that the attitude of the United States government is regarded as a decided triumph for Chinese diplomacy, while the Daily News says the attitude of the Washington authorities is regarded in Berlin as a regrettable error. Similarly the London papers regret "that the president of the United States has taken a line that can hardly fail to encourage the Chinese further duplicity."

CHINESE SOLDIERS KILLING BOXERS

Many Indications of Widespread Dissension Which Probably Marks the Beginning of the End of the Trouble in China.

TIENTSIN, Friday, July 20.—Copy right, 1900, the Associated Press.—Chinese coming in from the country report that the Chinese soldiers are killing the Boxers wherever the latter are seen, giving as a reason that the Boxers deceived them into embarking on a hopeless struggle. An intelligent Chinaman said he regarded this as a sign of widespread dissension.

It was only a matter of a short time, he declared, before the same state would exist in Peking, when, in all probability, Jung Lu, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces, and Prince Ching would be able to regain sufficient influence to make peace, especially if the foreigners in the capital were safe. This appears to present the general native opinion here, as far as it is possible to ascertain it.

In the meantime, reliable news as to events in Peking and whether the foreigners are alive is entirely lacking, or is only obtainable from Chinese sources, and even this is most meager and contradictory. It is now thought that the forward movement of the allies will probably take place earlier than was at first intended, possibly by the end of this month, but nothing definite will be decided before the arrival of General Sir Alfred Gaselee, commanding the Indian contingent.

A runner who arrived from Peking yesterday reports that the foreigners were safe on July 10th, and that there has been considerable fighting between Boxers and soldiers inside the city.

Ladies tan low shoes only 90 cents at the New York Cash store.

Boers Retreat to the North.

BRONKHORST SPRUIT, Tuesday, July 24.—The Boers, having got wind of the British advance, have evacuated all their positions, and are reported to be moving to the northeast, toward Leydenberg, whither President Kruger is going. A portion of the Boers remain north of Brushveidt, whence they attempt to interrupt communications on this line. The bridges here and smaller bridges to the east have been destroyed.

The British forces comprise two brigades under General French and a brigade and a half under General Hamilton. It is not likely that the advance upon Middleburg will be contested. The Boers remaining upon their farms state that most of the burghers are anxious to bring matters to a finish, but that the foreigners are persistent.

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Cuban Convention.

HAVANA, July 25.—The decree calling for a constitutional convention and providing for the election of delegates will be held the third Saturday in September, and the convention will meet in Havana the first Monday in November. The convention, according to the terms of the decree, is called in conformity with the spirit of the joint resolution of congress and part of its duty will be to agree upon the relations that are to exist between the government of the United States and the government of Cuba.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists. 6

Gold Standard in Peru.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, has been advised by the United States minister at Peru that the latter country adopted the single gold standard and has issued a gold coin known as the libra, or Peruvian pound, being identical in weight and fineness with the English pound sterling. The libra and the silver sol are now received on equal terms by the banks of the country and circulated concurrently. The coinage of the former is free and silver is used only in a subsidiary capacity.

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French Missionaries Killed.

PARIS, July 25.—The French consul at Shanghai telegraphs today that five French missionaries have been killed by Boxers to the Manchurian district.

ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM CONGER

On July 4 the Chinese Army was the Only Government in Peking and They Determined on the Slaughter of Every Foreigner in Peking.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The following cablegram was received at the navy department this morning:

"Che Foo, July 24.—Navigation Bureau, Washington: A written message signed by Conger, dated July 4, and received at Tien Tsin on the 21st says:

"Been besieged two weeks in the British legation. Grave danger of general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling the legation daily. Relief must come soon if at all. City is without government except by Chinese army, which is determined to massacre all foreigners in Peking. The entry of relief forces into the city will probably be hotly contested."

THOMAS.

The message is from Captain Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The message from Minister Conger which came over the wires from Captain Thomas this morning was the first communication of unquestionable authenticity which has been received from the American minister at Peking since his urgent appeal for help of July 12. It establishes clearly the fact that the American minister and probably the other legations were alive on July 4, though in sore straits. Therefore, it completely and finally disposes of the first stories that were published from Shanghai of the massacre of June 27.

It is true that it does not in itself negate the subsequent reports of the massacre on June 6, two days later than the date of the dispatch, but the officials here feel that there is quite as much reason to believe that the second report was false, as in the case of the first report, now shown to have been erroneous.

Victory for Allied Forces.

CHICAGO, July 25.—A dispatch to the Record from Tien Tsin, dated Saturday, July 21, via Shanghai, says: Today's performance will break the backbone of the Chinese war party. At daylight

this morning the combined forces turned their attack upon the Chinese left, which was penetrated. As the Russians failed to make a suitable bridge across the canal, the Chinese made a smart counter attack on our right and left outposts. This was repulsed by a handful or two of men, who fought with great bravery, but with heavy casualties. No Americans were injured.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the allies bombarded the native city, and, after an hour of magnificent work by two four-inch guns and three twelve-pounders, the fort and adjoining military pagodas were in flames. Their destruction was complete. The fort replied feebly with a few rounds, when one gun got the exact range and fired several lyddite shells. This is the fort that has been shelling Tien Tsin since June 17th.

The allied forces have spared the portions of the native city from which operations have not been directed.

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store. 6

Americans Land at Taku.

SHANGHAI, Tuesday, July 24.—Two thousand American troops have arrived at Taku, as well as eight transports filled with British troops. Both detachments are deficient in artillery.

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