

# A DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING

## Allied Forces Confront a Dangerous Problem in China.

### INTENSE ANXIETY EVERYWHERE

#### Regarding the Advance on Peking—If Ministers are Held as Hostages the Danger Increases.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—A sensational Shanghai correspondent still hints that the Chinese are juggling with dates, but in the fact of the constantly accumulating evidence that the Ministers were safe July 22d, and despite the omission from all dispatches of the anxiously desired information regarding the real situation, political or otherwise, at Peking, there are very few in London who do not believe the dispatches genuine and reliable.

The allies now confront the most difficult and dangerous problem. Without doubt the Ministers are held by the Chinese as hostages; and the outcome of the advance on Peking, which in all probability has already begun, will be awaited with intense anxiety.

Today's dispatches show that the allies, notably the Japanese, have been pushing their preparations with feverish haste, organizing a service of pack-cars, trains and junks. It is reported from Berlin that Lieutenant General Von Lessek, commanding the German forces in China, whom Emperor Wilhelm has just promoted to the rank of a general commanding an army corps, has been selected as the commander-in-chief of the allied forces.

The Chinese are strongly entrenched at Wong Tsun, from which position, however, it is believed they can be ejected without great difficulty. The danger is that, if defeated there, the Chinese will retire on Peking and put the remainder of the Europeans to death.

It is also possible that the advance of the allies will be the signal for the Chinese authorities to compel all foreigners to quit the city, in which event they might become the prey of the fanatical Boxers.

The feeling of the newspapers here is that nothing whatever should now delay the advance, and that no negotiations of any kind should be countenanced until the allied troops reach Peking and assure themselves regarding the fate of the foreigners.

### GOOD NEWS CONFIRMED.

London, Aug. 1.—Important additional confirmation of the safety of the Legations was received in London last evening, by Duncan Campbell, representative in Europe of the Chinese customs service, from the commissioner of customs at Che Foo, in the shape of a Peking dispatch, not dated but believed to have been written July 21st, signed by both Sir Robert Hart, inspector general of customs, and Robert Breckon, deputy inspector general, to the following effect:

"Staff and family still safe."  
This has been confirmed by the commissioner of customs in Shanghai, who telegraphed last evening:  
"Authentic. Inspector general safe July 22d."

### BRITISH FORCES.

London, July 31.—Tien Tsin advices say that General Sir Alfred Gaselee and staff, together with large foreign reinforcements, arrived there July 28th.

### ANOTHER SCARE.

Paris, July 31.—According to the dispatches, received at the foreign office today, the Austrian, Spanish, Italian and Holland Legations at Peking have been destroyed, and the French Legation is partially wrecked. Attacks on Legations ceased some days ago. The Emperor and Empress are living in Peking.

### HOPE RUNS HIGH.

Berlin, July 31.—Hope regarding the security of the foreigners in Peking now runs high in Berlin. The German foreign office no longer doubts the reports from various quarters that the Ministers, with the exception of Baron von Ketteler, are alive. The papers take the same view, and urge that there should be no delay in the advance upon Peking.

### BOERS RETREATING.

London, July 31.—The Laurence

Marques correspondent of the Daily Express says:  
"The Boers are preparing to retreat from Waterbushoven. Frank Pettigrew, son of Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, has arrived there, and has joined Commandant General Botha's staff."

### HUMBERT'S ASSASSIN.

Has Long Been Known as a Dangerous Rioter in Italy.

Rome, July 31.—Bressi was born in Prato, in 1869. He was denounced, in 1885, as a dangerous rioter and deported to the island of Pantelleria. In 1896 he was liberated under an amnesty; after the battle of Adowa, and in 1897 he went to the United States.

### AMAZEMENT AND HORROR

Strikes the Antis at Senator Hoar's Support of President McKinley.

Washington, July 31.—An open letter has been addressed by the Washington Anti-Imperial League to Hon. Geo. F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, expressing "amazement not unmingled with horror" at his announced determination to support President McKinley for re-election.

### RIDPATH IS DEAD.

New York, July 31.—John Clark Ridpath, the historian, died in the Presbyterian Hospital this evening, from a complication of diseases.

### FOUND HIS MATCH.

New York, July 31.—The one time invincible George Dixon succumbed to Tommie Sullivan, of Brooklyn, at Coney Island tonight. The end came as the men shaped for the seventh round, when Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's chief second, admitted the defeat of his man, and claiming that his left hand was disabled refused to permit him to continue.

### WASHINGTON POLITICS

Seattle, Wash., July 31.—The supporters of Senator Frink's candidacy for the nomination for Governor caucused tonight, and gave out officially that they will control the King county convention with at least 247 votes out of total of 456. They have decided upon S. H. Files as candidate for temporary chairman. The supporters of Mayor Himes still claim that they will control and organize the convention.

## A CENTENARIAN MINER

### DOUGLAS COUNTY BOASTS OF OLDEST ACTIVE MINERAL WORKER.

#### William Kerr, Who Celebrates His Ninety-Ninth Birthday in a Few Days, Works Claim on Umpqua.

Of the hundreds of men engaged in mining pursuits in the state of Oregon, there are none nearer the hundred-year mark than William Kerr, of Douglas county, who lives an isolated life and is engaged in working a mine without assistance.

Regarding the centenarian miner a recent issue of the Roseburg Review contained the following:

"Douglas county can no doubt boast of having the oldest active miner in the world—a man who in a few days will be 99 years old, blasting, drilling and wheeling rock in a 120 foot tunnel that he has constructed by his own labor in the past four years.

"A short distance above Days creek, on the South Umpqua river, there is a solitary miner's cabin close by the county road, and near by is the cabin in which William Kerr lives solitary and alone, but industrious and perfectly contented. He was born in Pennsylvania on August 7, 1801, and will celebrate his 99th birthday in a few days, although he considers himself anything but an old man. He appears more like a well-preserved man of 60 or 70 and is stronger and more active than most men at that period of their lives. The fact that in the four years since he located a mining claim on the South Umpqua he has driven with his own labor 120 feet of tunnel through the rock is sufficient evidence of this fact. He expects soon to strike a ledge with a fortune when he can retire and enjoy life in his old age free from toll and care, but there are some who say the old man's mining judgment is far less sound than his constitution and that he is driving his tunnel through ordinary country rock where there is not a sign of gold.

"George Kerr, a son of the centenarian miner, is a robust man also, him-

self about 60 years of age, and resides at Whitwood, Lane county, at the foot of Bohemia mountain. He is a well-to-do rancher with a pleasant home and has used his best endeavors to persuade his father to live with him, but to no avail. The old gentleman visits him occasionally, but persists in continuing his mining operations on his own account. Recently on one of these visits he reached Cottage Grove at night on the train and without waiting for daylight, struck out and walked eighteen miles to his son's home. He is not a prohibitionist, but has always been temperate in the use of liquor, although even now he occasionally gets out with the boys to celebrate the glorious Fourth of July, or something of that kind, and on these not frequent occasions his boon companions aver that the old man is just as going as he used to be. A daughter recently arrived from the East and is visiting at the son's home, brother and sister not having seen each other for eighteen years before."

### MADE STRONG BY WILL POWER.

#### Many Military Heroes Have Been Delicate in Physique.

The soldier is so often looked upon as being the embodiment of strength, health and activity that it may be something new to learn that many celebrated generals have as boys been anything but robust or noted for the virtues just mentioned, says the London Express.

Lord Roberts is the most signal example of this. As a lad he was so delicate that when he went out to India on his first voyage there as a soldier it was generally supposed by his most intimate friends and relatives that his life would necessarily be short, so pale and delicate was he. We have several independent accounts of how the crew of the ship and some of his messmates pitied the tender-looking young Anglo-Indian and prophesied that an early grave would be his.

But the Indian climate, his native climate, too, set him up and worked him up, and he became a man of his prophetic of evil being falsified by what we in our time see and know today.

The Duke of Wellington was not at all strong when a lad and his mother was often much concerned about his health. At Eton he got the reputation of being rather a silent, taciturn, somewhat sullen youth. But it is generally believed now that this was as much due to his delicate health as to any individual characteristic of his own temperament.

Arthur Wellesley could not stand the knocking about and rough-and-ready life of some of his Eton friends enjoyed at that time, and they were not slow to make him aware of the fact.

Rocheport Maguire, whose recent adventures in Kimberley and help to the garrison have made his name more known even than before the siege, was almost "given up" when a boy, so poor was his general health, and he died rather a silent, taciturn, somewhat sullen youth. But it is generally believed now that this was as much due to his delicate health as to any individual characteristic of his own temperament.

Rhodes may well be called a "soldier" as regards fighting, for though not a military man by profession, he was always willing to take his share of fighting that came along his way, and his advice to doubtful Britons during the late crisis in Kimberley was "be like me and sit tight," will not be readily forgotten. It was said that Kruger had such an opinion of Cecil Rhodes' fighting powers that he proposed to put him into a cage with Kimberley was taken, but it may also be said that Rhodes would have shown the Boers no small amount of resistance first before he had thus allowed himself to be taken, for he is by instinct a fighting man to the very bone.

Havelock was never very strong, and as a boy he was decidedly on the dark side of health. Even when a man his pale face was a general subject of remark among his followers. But they all knew his worth and courage when the time of trial came. Perhaps no civilian in this century was more a "fighter" than was Lord Byron, had he been able to become a real soldier, but he was kept back from that by his deformity and by constant bad health. Yet he went forth manfully to help the Greeks in their struggles for independence against the Turks and perished at Missolonghi.

The present Kaiser has never been a robust man and as a lad was still more delicate. His deformed arm always gave him much trouble in affecting his general health, especially in his younger days, but he has, by his splendid resolution and care, grown out of this constant bad health, and today he is a fighting man not easily to be beaten in what he undertakes.

So that there is much hope for delicate boys after all, if they have the right sort of British pluck in them. Health and strength are largely a matter of will power, after all.

### DELICATE SENSE OF TASTE.

It is stated by a Cawger City paper that a man up there took a drink of carbonic acid and knew very soon that he had got hold of the wrong bottle.—Kansas City Journal.

"Niblack has become quite a good player, I hear," remarked the man who merely regarded the game with good-natured tolerance.

"Yes," replied Bunker, grudgingly, "but I don't like the way he addresses the ball."

"No, it does seem idiotic, not to say vulgar, to swear at it so constantly."—Philadelphia Press.

Ten years ago New South Wales and Victoria were about equal in population, but the former is now considerably ahead of its sister colony.

## DANGER IN THE DANCE

### Young Women in Need of Warning.

Is there any danger in dancing? In almost every community there has been waged a fierce war of words as to the propriety of the dance. Factions have been formed, churches have been divided, friendships have been broken, all because of the bitterness engendered in the discussion of this burning question.

"Brother Brown" who in that famous sketch "Christmas at the Quarters" comes out on the floor to "beg a blessing on his dance" seems to have a good deal of sense in his view of the question. He says:  
"De sinfulness of sin  
Is 'pendin' on de sperret  
What you goes and does it in,  
And in a righteous frame of mind  
We's zoan' to dance an' sing  
Like David danced befo' de ark  
An' cut de pigeon wing."  
But leaving the religious features of the question to be settled by Brudder Brown, there are other questions



which relate to the physical side of life, which can only be second in importance to the moral issues involved in the discussion of the harmfulness of the dance.

The danger of the dance is peculiarly great in the case of young women who are suffering from any derangement of the womanly functions, and the fascinating pleasure of the dance, which the young woman cannot forego, although nature warns her of the danger, is doubtless responsible for many a case of feminine disease which burdens the wife and mother of later years. "Prevention is better than cure," but it is very hard to prevent these derangements from occurring. Youth is the playtime of life. It would be unnatural not to seek enjoyment at this period. The danger comes in the general ignorance as to the deep and lasting injury which may be consequent on a cold or an extra violent exertion at the time of the dance when every woman needs to be careful.

### Thousands of Young Women Have Been Ruined

In health by a seemingly trivial neglect of themselves under just these conditions. They can't give up the pleasure of dancing. But they pay for it with after hours of the suffering and agony of back-ache, headache, and nervous depression. At last the time comes when the woman can only be an onlooker at the dance; when the state of her womanly health compels her to forego almost all the pleasures of life. To every such woman no news will be more welcome than the news that there is absolute help and healing for these disorders of women; that strength can be restored and the pleasures of life once more enjoyed to the full.

Let a woman who has experienced this help and healing tell how it was accomplished:

"I suffered from female weakness for five months," writes Miss Belle Hedrick, of Nye, Putnam Co., West Va. "I was treated by a good physician, but he never seemed to do me any good. I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, which I received, telling me to take his 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I took thirteen bottles of 'Favorite Prescription,' and eight of 'Golden Medical Discovery.' When I had used the medicines a month my health was improved. I have continued to improve until now I can work at almost all kinds of house-work. I had scarcely any appetite, but it is all right now. Have gained several pounds in weight. Dr. Pierce's medicines have done wonderfully well here. I would advise all who suffer from chronic diseases to write to Dr. Pierce."

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"I enjoy good health, thanks to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,'" writes Mrs. J. J. Schmetzer, of Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill. "I have taken six bottles of each kind. I was taken sick last February, and the doctors here called it 'grip.' I lay for four weeks in bed, then, when I got up, I found I had 'displacement.' Had such aches and pains in my back and limbs, could not stand any length of time. I knew that our doctor would insist the first thing on an examination, and that I would not submit to, unless I was dangerously sick, and then it would be too late to do any good. My son had your book, Common Sense Medical Adviser, and I thought

from reading it that Dr. Pierce's medicines would do me more good than all the home doctors, so they have. If anyone had told me they would do me so much good I would have said, 'Oh, no, not that much good.' I can say truly I was surprised at the benefit I received. I can do all my washing and also tend my flower garden. In fact, I am on my feet most all the time. An old friend of mine said to me, 'Why, what is the matter with you? You are getting young again.' I told her I had taken six bottles of Dr. Pierce's medicine, and that if she would do likewise she would feel ten years younger, too."

### What Mothers Say.

Motherhood means misery for a majority of women. Months of pain, nervousness, nausea, and mental anxiety lead up to the crisis of suffering. The birth hour comes, but the hour lengthens to two, to five, to ten, to twenty sometimes, and every moment of that time is a throbbing torture which threatens delirium or madness. What must be the feelings of a mother, who, after experiencing all this pain, finds at last that by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a childbirth is rendered practically painless, and she holds to her breast a healthy child which she is abundantly able to nurse and nourish. That has



been the experience not of one woman but of thousands of women.

"I take pleasure in informing you of the birth of a boy in perfect health on May 18th, 1899," writes Mrs. L. E. Cort, Box 25, Waltonville, Penn. "I cannot find words sufficiently strong to express to you my thanks, for my delivery was almost without pain, and when my husband arrived with the doctor the child was already born. The neighbors who were with me, and my husband, the doctor could hardly believe their eyes. I had suffered so much before I never believed myself able to be delivered of a living child. I tell everybody this happy event was due to the help of God and of your medicines. I shall never be without your medicines henceforth, and shall never fail in recommending your 'Favorite Prescription.'"

"Our hearts are full of gratitude to you for your medicines, which have given us the happiness of having a living child of our own, after so much suffering and disappointment."

The benefits of "Favorite Prescription" are lasting. It contains no alcohol, neither opium, cocaine, nor any other nerve-numbing narcotics. It does not numb the nerves nor stimulate the body, leaving the last condition of the woman worse than the first. But it strengthens the entire womanly organism, nourishes the nerves and imparts a real vigor and vitality to the entire body. It is purely vegetable and cannot disagree with the weakest constitution.

If a dealer offers a substitute for "Favorite Prescription" it is only to make the larger profit paid by less meritorious goods. The cures instanced in this advertisement are made by "Favorite Prescription," and a substitute medicine cannot point to any such cures as these as a foundation for the oft made claim, "just as good." Insist, therefore, on having "Favorite Prescription."

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Duchess Marie Gabrielle, who will one day be queen of Bavaria, is as pretty and charming a princess as could be found anywhere. In face she resembles her mother, and like both her sisters, possesses a brilliant milk-and-rose complexion and soft, glossy hair. In addition she is lively, and excels in all branches of what Germans vaguely call "sport."

To avoid a suit instituted against him Don Carlos of Spain, according to a paper published in Venice, has set up the contention that he is not a Spaniard, but an Austrian. "Not even his most hostile adversaries," says the paper, "would have dared to hope so much."

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## LICE NOT PLENTIFUL

### VIGOROUS SPRAYING AND HOT WEATHER DECREASE THE PEST.

#### A Treatment Has Been Discovered for the Annihilation of the Destructive 'Cut-Worm.'

(From Daily Statesman, Aug. 2.)  
Hop yards in the vicinity of Salem are comparatively free from lice with which they were generally infested only a few weeks ago. Vigorous spraying combined with the hot weather has accomplished a reduction in the number of the pest.

James Winstanley, manager of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, yesterday brought in from his yard north of this city, a sample of hops. The burs are large and remarkably well advanced. Hops will be ready for picking as early as September 1st, barring unfavorable weather conditions that may tend to deter the maturing of the crop.

Growers are fearful of the damage that may ensue from the incursions being made into their yards by the destructive "cut worm." The pest has already appeared in some yards and have attacked some of the vines, but they will be very industriously fought. A treatment has been discovered that is proving an effective agent in accomplishing the destruction of the worms. News of the discovery of such a preparation will be gladly received by farmers, fruit and hop growers who will doubtless vigorously employ it in waging their fight against the worms.

Concerning the discovery, yesterday's Oregonian contained the following:

"The glad tidings published in Monday's Oregonian that Avenarius Carbolinum means destruction to many cutworms and salvation to crops of all kinds has resulted in a general demand for the longed-for panacea. So far as heard from, this is the one and only specific that meets the emergency. Inquiry fails to reveal a single case where it has failed to knock out the enemy. In response to a query made through the Oregonian as to whether the compound is injurious to foliage of fruit of orchards, Fisher, Thorsen & Co., Pacific Coast agents for Avenarius Carbolinum, state positively that this is not the case. In fact, the proper solution of one gallon of the fluid to 50 gallons of water is actually beneficial to trees, shrubs and the annihilation of parasites. I should be freely agitated while spraying. Official reports from Nebraska and Kansas are to the effect that Avenarius Carbolinum is used in those states both for trees and vegetation with satisfactory results."

### POOR YIELD OF GRAIN.—H. T.

Price has been through-lake grain in the district between Lake Labish and Brooks. The summer fallow fall wheat has been going about eight bushels to the acre, and the fall oats ten to fifteen bushels. He threshed all day one day last week, and got only 1000 bushels, on ground where in years before he has been getting 2000 to 2500 bushels. Mr. Bruce says, the threshing machine owners generally have been losing money. His machine has been run at a loss, and he has put up the price of threshing a quarter of a cent a bushel. Mr. Bruce says there are reports of the spring grain north of the city ripening too fast and shriveling up. While there was a splendid prospect for good crops of spring a few weeks ago, the outlook is not so encouraging now.

### GOOD PEACH CROP.—W. H. Egan,

of Brooks, was in Salem yesterday, favored localities in the Mission Bottom country that were not affected by the spring frosts and as a consequence there will be this year a fair yield of delicious peaches. The crop will be ripe in about two weeks. Among the varieties of this fruit successfully grown in this Valley are Salway, Cox Golden Ching, Queen Charlotte, Early Crawford, and California Wonder. The fact that the California and Southern Oregon peach crop is this year a failure gives the Willamette valley peach orchardists assurance that in all probability there will be a good demand for their crop and that the prices will be fair.

It has been known for some time that strained relations existed between Secretary of State Hay and his first assistant secretary, Dr. David Jayne Hill, who, it is said, aspires to occupy his chief's chair. There is also marked coolness between the wives of the men named. Both have wealth, culture and many accomplishments. Mrs. Hill is somewhat haughty, while Mrs. Hill is graciousness itself. The open admiration which the diplomatic corps have shown for Mrs. Hill is the chief cause of the coolness between them.

Next to Governor Roosevelt, the most popular person at the reunion of the Rough Riders at Oklahoma, was Mrs. Capron, the young widow of Captain Allyn K. Capron of Troop L of the regiment, who was the first officer killed in Cuba. She has been declared the patron saint of the riders and attracted a good deal of honor and attention that would have fallen to Colonel Roosevelt had she been absent.

She continued the conversation. "No, sir, I wouldn't marry the best man on earth," he urged, "that it is not the custom for the bride to marry the best man.—Harper's Bazar.

English cousin—Are the players very hostile toward the umpire?  
American cousin—Yes, indeed; they actually have to put a muzzle on the catcher to keep him from biting the umpire.—Chicago News.

In all India Madras is the only city where electricity is used as a power for street railroads.

Before some preachers will throw a stone at a sin they want to know who is hiding under it.

"Some big men," said Uncle Eben, "is a good deal like patent medicines. Here's some party good ones an' den ag'in dar's some keeps up by der advertisement."—Washington Star.

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