

**Our Government  
Awaits Result.**

**Special Commissioner Ap-  
pointed to Visit China and  
Ascertain the Situation.**

Washington, July 19.—In the absence of direct news from China this morning attention was directed mainly to the more or less speculative stories emanating from European capitals indicative of discord among the powers. It is realized that these little bulletins of mutual suspicion always characterize allied movements and so are to be expected in the present case. It can be stated that, so far as official record discloses, there is absolutely no ground for them. Our government having fully defined its intentions in Secretary Hay's note of July 3, the other governments interested in the Chinese situation have entered into the spirit of that declaration of principle with perfect accord. It is, of course, possible that some of the powers are swayed by motives that do not appear in their formal declarations. The state department, however, cannot go behind their formal expression and can now only await results. There is not the slightest disposition on the part of our government to follow the example of certain European powers and restrict in any measure the liberty of the Chinese minister here, Mr. Wu, in communicating with the Chinese viceroys and whatever remains of the titular Chinese government. The department does not credit the stories that any of the Chinese ministers in Europe have been given their passports.

Minister Wu and Mr. Wollast, the Russian charge, again called on Secretary Hay this morning, but neither had news from China.

**TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.**

W. W. Rockhill, director of the bureau of American republics, has been appointed special commissioner from this country to go to China and investigate and report upon the situation. For some reason, the officials did not care to have it known that Mr. Rockhill had been selected for this responsible duty. Within a week he will have a final conference with the president and Secretary Hay and will leave for China.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CHAFFEE.**

At today's cabinet meeting the question of instructions to Gen. Chaffee was gone over at considerable length and a cablegram was drafted which will be forwarded to reach him on his arrival at Nagasaki. These instructions are of a diplomatic as well as a military nature and indicate the line of policy to be pursued by the commander of the United States forces in China. The exact nature of the instructions was not disclosed, but it can be stated on good authority that they follow the same line of policy that already has been outlined in statements from the state department.

**SAID TO BE SAFE AND SOUND.**

Paris, July 19.—An official telegram of Shanghai dated Wednesday, July 18th, states that, according to the governor of Shan Tung, the foreign ministers and their families at Peking are safe and sound, but that the danger is still very great. The viceroy, according to this dispatch, informed the consular corps that he had telegraphed to Peking urging the protection of the foreign legation.

**CHINA AT WAR WITH THE  
WORLD**

London, July 19.—The action of Count von Buelow, the German minister of foreign affairs, in informing the Chinese legation at Berlin that all telegraphic messages must be in plain language and submitted for approval by the censor, and the suggestion of M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, that exportations from China be prohibited, which are generally regarded here as long steps in the right direction of treating China as a state engaged in war, have been supplemented today by the official announcement from St. Petersburg that certain portions of the Amur territory, including parts of Khabarovsk district and the coast territory as well as the towns of Blagovestchensk, Khabarovsk and Nikol'sk-suri, have been declared in a state of war since July 17.

Russia's announcement is regarded in London as at least foreshadowing a speedy unconditional recognition of the fact that a condition of war exists between China and the civilized world, and the general opinion seems to favor such recognition as the best means of meeting the barbarian upheaval while at the same time endeavoring to isolate the independent viceroys from the general conflict.

**MORE THAN THREE THOU-  
SAND.**

A dispatch from Shanghai received here today reports that the losses of the Chinese in the fighting at Tien Tsin was upwards of 3,000.

It is understood that Lieut Gen Sir Francis Grenfell will have command of the British forces in China.

**HORRORS OF THE MASSACRE.**

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says: "A Chinese merchant who has just arrived from Peking gives horrible details of the massacre. He says he saw European

women hauled into the street by shrieking Boxers who stripped them and hacked them to pieces. Their dismembered limbs were tossed to the crowd and carried off with bowls of triumph. Some were already dead having been shot by foreign civilians."

He says he saw Chinese soldiers carrying the bodies of white children aloft on their spears, while their companions shot at the bodies. He gives other details too horrible to be particularized here.

**Conflicting Stories Continue  
Coming.**

London, July 20, 4 a. m.—"The Washington idea of sending Mr. Rockhill to China is an excellent one, and might advantageously be imitated by the British and other governments," says The Standard editorially this morning.

The Cabinet council convened by Lord Salisbury, it is expected, will be followed by a statement in parliament throwing light upon the situation. The Chinese assertions that the members of the foreign legations are still safe have been so often repeated that they are again beginning to raise hopes in some quarters.

According to the Daily Telegraph's St Petersburg correspondent, however, the Russian government is already in possession of definite news that all the foreigners in Peking were massacred on July 6.

Very little further news is available this morning. The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail who repeats his statements regarding the jealousy felt among the allies on the subject of a Japanese commander-in-chief, adds: "The Japanese correspondents charge the Russian soldiers with appalling barbarity toward the Chinese. They declare that the Pei Ho is full of the corpses of women and children and that the Russians loaded 300 bodies on a junk and burned them."

Shanghai reports that three mission stations on Po Yank Lake have been destroyed, but it is believed that the missionaries escaped. All the missionaries at A She Ho, Kerin and Kuan Cheng Tzu, in Chinese Manchuria, have arrived in safety at Vladivostok.

It is rumored that Yu Lu, the missing viceroy of the province of Chihli, has committed suicide.

It was stated that when the allies entered the native city of Tien Tsin they found the Chinese dead piled high, and it was feared that this would result in an outbreak of pestilence. Sixteen of the captured guns are quite modern weapons.

The Times understands that the chief representatives of the Mohammedan clergy in Constantinople have issued a strong protest based upon Koran, against palace sympathy with the Chinese massacres.

According to the Canton correspondent of the Daily Telegraph six Chinese soldiers have been beheaded for assaulting an American medical missionary.

**His Life Was Saved.**

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cts and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store, every bottle guaranteed.

**THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE.**

Lincoln, Neb, July 17.—Wm J. Bryan's attention was called today to the fact that some anti-imperialists had announced they would be opposed to him on account of the silver plank in the platform, and he was asked as to whether this fact would seriously affect the anti-imperialist vote. He said:

"Several gold standard opponents of imperialism have already announced their intention to support the Democratic ticket, although the anti-imperialist league has not acted officially. In such a matter each individual is governed by his own views as to the relative importance of the issue. The Democratic platform declares the question of imperialism to be paramount issue. If any opponents of imperialism refuse to support the Democratic ticket because of the silver plank it must be because he considers the money question more important than the Philippine question; that is, he prefers a gold standard to a bimetallic republic. When the test comes, I believe that those who adhere to the doctrine that governments derive their just powers not from superior forces but from the consent of the governed, will support our ticket even though they do not endorse the silver plank. A large majority of the Democrats believe that a restoration of bimetalism would prove a blessing, but the anti-imperialists who dispute this will admit that any evils that might arise from bimetalism could be corrected more easily than the evils which would follow from the deliberate endorsement of militarism and imperialism."

**Dispatch Received  
From Minister Conger.**

**HE WAS STILL ALIVE ON  
LAST WEDNESDAY.**

Washington, July 20.—Like a flash of sunlight out of the dark sky came the intelligence at an early hour today that United States Minister Conger had sent a cipher cable dispatch from Peking to the state department at Washington, making known that two days ago he was alive and that the foreigners were fighting for their lives. The message was received by the Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, at 8 30 a. m. Within an hour the welcome intelligence that Conger had been heard from, after weeks of silence and evil report, was flashed through the country and indeed throughout the world, dispelling the gloom which had prevailed everywhere and bringing to officials and to the public generally a sense of profound relief.

The dispatch was in reply to Secretary Hay's cable inquiry to Minister Conger on July 11, and as both messages were in the American cipher code they were regarded by the officials as above the suspicion of having been tampered with in the course of transmission through Chinese channels.

Mr. Wu promptly communicated the dispatch to the state department, where the translation was made from the cipher figures and soon all Washington was astir with the intelligence. It was telegraphed by Secretary Hay to the president, who responded with a hearty expression of gratification, and word of it was sent to the various cabinet officers. They gathered in Secretary Hay's office and an impromptu cabinet conference was held in the diplomatic chamber, mainly for the purpose of exchanging congratulations and of taking a survey of the situation to see if it had been materially changed by this important development.

First of all, from the standpoint of the administration officially the most welcome feature of the message was its assurance that the American minister himself was alive two days ago. But with this cheering news came the ominous statement of Minister Conger that the besieged foreigners were in the British legation under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops and that only quick relief could avert a general massacre.

After the first flush of thankfulness this graver feature of the message began to impress itself upon cabinet officials most deeply. As one of them remarked: "There are the poor creatures, penned up under fire of shot and shell appealing to us for help."

The consultation brought about no pronounced change of policy, for it was felt that already every energy had been bent toward meeting the situation and that there was absolutely nothing more that could be done. After all, the cabinet officials felt, and so stated, that the message was an evidence of the friendliness and good faith of the pro foreign element of the Chinese and that wisdom dictated a course which would continue to utilize this friendship. The government accepted the message as authentic and Secretary Hay transmitted it to all our ambassadors and ministers abroad with instructions to lay it before the respective governments to which they are accredited and to urge upon them the necessity of cooperation for the immediate relief of the foreigners at Peking.

**ORDERS TO REMAY**

A message was sent by Secretary Long to Admiral Remy conveying the intelligence of the desperate situation in Peking and instructing him to "use and urge every possible endeavor for relief." This message, Secretary Long explained, meant for Admiral Remy himself to "use" and to "urge" upon the commanding officers of the other powers the use of every endeavor for the relief of Peking. Secretary Root sent a similar notification to Col Coolidge the senior American officer ashore at Tien Tsin, but without injunction. This action was the result of the conference of Secretaries Hay, Long and Root. It was realized that the land and naval forces of the United States now in China could not singlehanded push on to Peking and the other powers accordingly were appealed to, on the basis of Minister Conger's message to cooperate for instant relief.

Secretary Hay explained his reasons for placing reliance in the authenticity of Minister Conger's dispatch by saying that it was a complete reply in code to the code message sent to him and that its authenticity was vouched for by the teung li yamen.

"Of course," said Secretary Hay, smiling. "I am not omniscient and I may be fooled, but I cannot see how the authenticity of Minister Conger's cable can be questioned."

**CONFIRMATORY MESSAGES.**

Later in the day several messages were received from United States Consul Fowler at Chafoo, all strongly confirmatory of the news that the foreigners were alive.

The fact that the cablegram from Minister Conger was given scant credence in London official circles had no dampening effect on the optimism of

the administration officials. It was pointed out by one of the officials most interested that the weight of internal evidence in the dispatch was in favor of its genuineness. Beside there were the several strongly corroborative dispatches from Consul General Goodnow and Consul Fowler. The fact that Minister Conger mentioned the bombardment of the British legation was considered good evidence that the dispatch was written subsequent to the 6th, as the best information here is that the bombardment of the legations did not begin prior to that date. It was said at the state department that it was not thought expedient to give out either the text or a paraphrase of the message sent by the state department on July 11 to Minister Conger.

**MINISTER CONGER'S DISPATCH.**

Washington, July 20.—The state department this morning received the following cablegram from Minister Conger at Peking:

"In British legation. Under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre."

The message is not dated, but it is understood was sent from Peking on the 18th.

**WU'S PLAN WORKED WELL.**

Washington, July 20.—The following statement was given out today at the state department:

"On the 11th of this month the state department communicated a brief message asking tidings of Minister Conger in the state department code. Minister Wu undertook to get this into Minister Conger's hands, if he were alive. He has succeeded in doing this. This morning the state department received a telegram from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, saying: 'The governor of Shan Tung informs me that he has received today a cipher message from Conger of the 18th.'"

A few minutes later Minister Wu appeared at the state department with a telegram from Tactai Sheng, dated July 20, which had been received by Minister Wu at 8 30 o'clock this morning, reading as follows:

"Your telegram was forwarded and as requested I send reply from the teung li yamen as follows: 'Your telegram of the 15th day of this moon (11th July) received. The state department telegram has been handed to Minister Conger. Herewith is Minister Conger's reply to the state department.'"

Then follows Minister Conger's reply to the state department cipher, signed with the word "Conger" in English.

**REPORTED SAFE AND SOUND.**

Brussels, July 20.—The Belgian consul at Shanghai sends the following dispatch under date of July 19: "Sheng, the administrator of telegraphs, announces that the foreigners at Peking were safe and sound July 19. 'An imperial decree dated July 16 orders the viceroy of Tien Tsin to appraise the damage caused by the troubles and orders the local militia to repress the rebellion.'"

**THEY HAVE NOT BEEN  
MASSACRED.**

Paris, July 20.—The foreign office has received information from a Chinese source in which, however, certain reliance may be placed, that the foreign ministers at Peking have not been massacred. According to this information on July 7 the ministers were attacked and the legations burned, but the foreigners succeeded in crossing the city to Prince Ching's palace, which was then barricaded and the Europeans were holding their own up to the time the news left, July 9. Since then nothing has been heard from Peking.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY  
MASSACRED.**

London, July 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai received here this morning reports that 60 missionaries and 100 native converts have been massacred by Boxers at Tai Yuan.

Tai Yuan is a fortified and populous city in the province of Shan See, on the Fuen Ho, an affluent of the Hoang Ho, 250 miles southwest of Peking.

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A letter from Paoksville dated July 16th in the last issue of the Manning Times, says that Maj. A. J. Richbourg has been elected captain of the Connor Mounted Rifles, and a meeting of the company will be held at Paoksville on July 27th.

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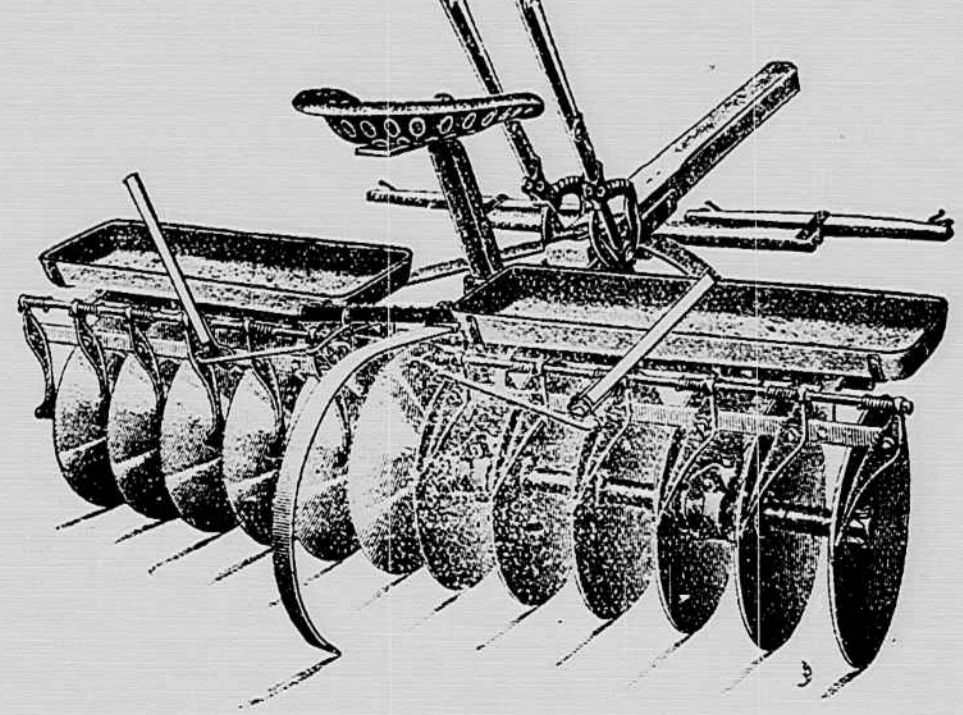
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