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TWO OF GREAT BRITAIN'S SHIPS SUNK!

During the Bombardment of the Taku Forts English Suffered Considerable Loss--Fifty Americans May Have Been Killed.

BERLIN, June 18.—The German Consul at Che-Fu telegraphs that a Japanese torpedo-boat from Taku has brought the following:

"The Chinese laid torpedoes in the Taku River and collected troops from Shan-Hei-Kwan. The foreign commanders assembled on the Russian flagship and addressed an ultimatum to the commanders of the Taku forts, summoning them to withdraw their troops before 2 o'clock June 17.

At 1 A. M. June 17, the guns of the forts opened fire, to which the Russian, British, French and Japanese warships replied.

The bombardment lasted seven hours.

Two British ships in the river between the forts are reported to have been sunk.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Great apprehension exists at the Navy Department as to the fate of the United States marine guard of fifty-six men which was landed at Tien-Tsin and was despatched by rail to Pekin before the railroad was interrupted.

They went forward to Pekin under an authorization granted by the Chinese Government to the United States Minister, at Pekin, in common with other Ministers, to employ a naval guard at the legation.



had detached twenty of these marines from his legation and placed them as a guard at the Methodist Compound. There is an enclosure of some ten acres situated nearly a mile distant from the Legation, where many missionaries and their families, as well as a large number of native Christians, are believed to have taken refuge. The Navy Department has been informed by Admiral Kempff that the Taku forts yesterday fired on the foreign ships and after a brief engagement surrendered. The War Department also confirms the report that the Ninth Infantry has been ordered from Manila to China. The War Department has received the following cablegrams from Gen. MacArthur, at Manila, dated yesterday: "Ninth Infantry, Col. Liscum, ordered to Taku on Legation; transportation Port Albert; probably start 24th; typhoon delays movement." Col. Liscum commands the regiment, which has had its headquarters at Taku, about two hours distant by rail from Manila. War Department officials say that the regiment probably is already aboard the transport and ready to sail for China. LONDON, June 18.—A despatch from Gen. Ma under to-day's date says:

"The forces of the combined fleets occupied the Taku north forts yesterday afternoon, exploding a magazine. The British gunboat *Algerine* was damaged and two of her officers and four men were wounded. Japan and Russia are reported to be landing a large force here. "All is quiet here." According to a Chefoo special seventeen forts opened fire upon the warships, whereupon the fleet replied in kind and silenced the Chinese guns, and the international forces subsequently landed and seized the forts. The news of this engagement is stated to have been brought to Chefoo by a Japanese warship, but the date of the occurrence is not given. According to a despatch the Chinese bombardment followed an ultimatum sent by the commanders of the fleet. An official despatch from the German Consul at Chefoo, received in Berlin, confirms the arrival of a Japanese torpedo-boat with the following message: "The Japanese torpedo-boat reports that the Legation at Pekin has been taken." Whether taken by the Boxers or the Chinese, troops of the mob is apparently not stated, nor is mention made in the message of the Japanese torpedo-boat of the capture of the Taku forts.

BOXERS ARE BURNING DOWN PEKIN NOW.

HONG KONG, June 18.—A large part of Pekin is in flames. All the unprotected foreign buildings have been destroyed, including the American Board of Missions and three churches.

Hundreds of natives have been massacred and terror reigns in the city. The Boxers have cut the railway between...

HESITATES, BUT ONLY TO MAKE DICKER WITH PLATT.

"ACCEPT OR CUT YOUR THROAT."

Senator Lodge said to Gov. Roosevelt: "If you decline the nomination you had better take a razor and cut your throat."

PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—Gov. Roosevelt will issue a statement late today couched in such language as to make it certain he will accept if the Convention names him. He will not decline in the statement nor will he accept, but when he is nominated he will take the place. He will say that he will yield to the public will as expressed by the delegates.

While all are eagerly awaiting the decision of Gov. Roosevelt as to the Vice-Presidential nomination, the report that he is dickering with Senator Platt gains ground.

The proposition is said to be that if he accepts the nomination for Vice-President he will be allowed to name his own successor as Governor.

HANNA BAFLED.

After the conference with Senator Hanna and Chairman Odell it was said that Senator Hanna, combatting what is now the popular impression that Roosevelt is the only man who can be nominated, said: "I think we can nominate some



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ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—Gov. Roosevelt gave out a statement at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in which he is non-committal on the Vice-presidential nomination.

He says that if he were nominated for Governor of New York he could help the party a great deal more than by nomination as Vice-President. While he esteems the great honor, he asks his friends in the convention to consider his wishes in this matter.

one else besides Roosevelt." "For God's sake, go ahead and do it," responded the Governor. "That's right," said Senator Lodge, "let's go ahead and nominate some other man." "What is the matter with Long?" asked Hanna. LODGE CHAFFS HIM. "Nothing," replied Lodge. "Go ahead and nominate him." Gathering from the tone of Senator Lodge's remark that although the Senator was supporting Long he had very little hope that Long would be nominated, Senator Hanna continued: "Well, what is the matter with Fairbanks?" "Nothing in the world," responded Lodge. "Go ahead and nominate him. Nominate anybody you can. We are all standing ready to help you."

Roosevelt had expressed himself as favoring the indorsement of Lieut. Gov. Woodruff by the caucus of the New York delegation to-night. ROOSEVELT TIRED. Gov. Roosevelt himself was very impatient when asked about the matter this afternoon and he said: "I am tired of answering questions. I will only say that my position is the same as it has been for two months. I don't want the nomination and I hope that I shall not be nominated." With the Governor there remained

most of the afternoon a number of men who have been advising him not to accept the nomination. Among them were Nicholas Murray Butler, Dr. Albert Shaw, Lispenard Stewart and Frederick W. Hollis, all of whom expressed the opinion that the indorsement of the Governor by the Platt machine was merely a trick to get him out of New York State. Nicholas Murray Butler said to an Evening World correspondent this afternoon: "Gov. Roosevelt is not a candidate for the nomination. He told me just now that he did not want it, but of course cannot tell what will happen. The situation is very embarrassing."

ROOSEVELT THE MAN, BUT HE HESITATES.

(Special to The Evening World) PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—There is somewhat of a change in the situation this afternoon. Theodore Roosevelt is balking. While no power on earth seemingly can stop his nomination, he is stiffening his backbone. His close friends were confident at noon that he controlled the situation, but while they were of the opinion he would yield to the tremendous demand from all parts of the country, there was a disposition on their part to think that he would still make a fight against it.

HANNA SEES HIM. At a few minutes after 10 o'clock Senator Hanna and Lodge went to

Gov. Roosevelt's room by appointment for a conference over the Vice-presidential situation. Mr. Odell, as Senator Platt's representative, was immediately sent for. Previously the Governor held a conference with Congressman Litchner and Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University. They both think that the Governor's figure will

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WEATHER FORECAST. For Eastern New York, fair to-night and to-morrow, fresh to brisk southerly winds.