

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR.

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Washington, July 9.—The following telegram was received last night by Minister Wu from Heng, director general of the imperial telegraphs, at Shanghai, dated yesterday:

"July 8.—Two legations in Peking still preserved. All ministers safe. Rebellious troops and rioters make attacks but suffer many losses. Imperial troops are protecting but meet with difficulty in doing so. It is feared that food and ammunition are exhausted."

THERE IS A REASON FOR HOPE.

Washington, July 9.—Though fearful of giving false encouragement, the state department officials are bound to admit today that there is reason for hope now respecting the welfare of the legations at Peking. Minister Wu's cablegram from Sheng, taken in connection with the report of Admiral Bruce from Tien Tsin, has done much to encourage this hopeful feeling. The foreign admirals at Taku are now consulting on this point. Admiral Kempff was addressed directly by Secretary Hay who regarded as some significant and gratifying features of his dispatch. Such, for instance, was Sheng's description of the Chinese who are attacking the legations as "rebellious troops and rioters," and the positive statement that the Chinese government is opposing them.

MINISTER WU'S EFFORTS.

There is reason to believe that much of the credit of the awakening of the Chinese government to the sense of its responsibility for the safety of the foreign ministers is due to Minister Wu's personal efforts. At least three weeks ago, when it was realized that the ministers were in peril, Minister Wu set about their protection as far as lay in his power. Unable to reach the government at Peking himself directly by telegraph he was in constant communication by cable, not only with Sheng at Shanghai, but with the great viceroys of the southern provinces, including Li Hung Chang.

He called to these officials the most earnest appeals for the exercise of their good offices with the Peking government to secure the safety of the Chinese who pointed out the inevitable disaster to China that would follow the destruction of these ministers and he implored the viceroys to avail themselves of any power in their power to ensure the protection at Peking of his representations. He believes that these representations have reached the imperial government and that they have at least contributed to render what protection it can to the foreign ministers.

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Mr. Wu says that Prince Ching, who, according to Admiral Bruce, is attacking the Boxers, is not only the head of the Tsung Li Yamen, but is also commander of one of the Peking garrisons.

REWARD FOR SAVING AMERICANS.

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OVERESTIMATING CHINESE STRENGTH.

The state department, thought at a distance from the scene is satisfied that the foreign admirals at Taku are overestimating the strength of the Chinese opposition and consequently of the force required by them on the march to Peking.

ADIRAL KEMPPF CABLES.

A cablegram has been received by the navy department from Admiral Kempff, dated at Taku, probably Saturday. The admiral's communication relates to the number of troops and the character of the force that should be supplied to participate in the campaign against Peking. The foreign admirals at Taku are now consulting on this point. Admiral Kempff was addressed directly by Secretary Hay and Secretary Long, and it was decided to withhold it from publication in order to prevent the information from sifting back to the rebellious Chinese.

HOW TO REPAY JAPAN.

Diplomatic circles in London are discussing the best means of repaying Japan for disproportionate assistance in quelling the rebellion in China. They seem in favor of settling the Korean question in accordance with Japan's wishes. It is believed that the assent of the powers to an arrangement whereby Japan can place an army of occupation in Korea, like England in Egypt, will be acceptable to Japan as compensation.

CABINET DISCUSSES SITUATION.

Washington, July 9.—Upon the return of Secretary Long and Attorney General Griggs to Washington this morning Secretary Hay availed himself of the opportunity to hold a cabinet meeting which lasted about an hour. Those present were Secretaries Hay, Long and Root, and Attorney General Griggs. There is good reason for the belief that the admiral's latest dispatch telling of the military necessities of the case was the basis of discussion. The question at issue, it is understood, is the sending of reinforcements to China from the Philippines pending the arrival of the latest dispatch from the east from the United States. It is realized that only a small portion of the 6,000 troops ordered from this country will arrive out for two or three months at the earliest, and that the only troops that can be used for operation in China within the next month, if action on a large scale is to be had it will be necessary to call on the troops in the Philippines. If war should result from the present

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Admiral Kempff may not regard the troops as a proper subject of his report.

Recruits for Fifth Infantry.

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