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HEROISM OF THE MINISTERS

Urges that Protection be Given Native Christians—Chinese Government Trying to Mislead Conger.

Washington, Aug. 10.—In the light of the latest dispatch from Minister Conger, received by the state department through Minister Wu today, the attitude of the administration is that there is but one thing to do in the present circumstances, namely, to press on to the relief of the besieged garrison at Peking.

The Conger dispatch was accepted as showing conclusive justification for the imperative demand of the United States, sent to the Chinese government on Wednesday night, to instruct the imperial troops to co-operate with the international forces in the rescue of ministers and until this condition, as well as the cessation of the bombardment, is fully conceded by China, there is no other course but to press steadily onward in the mission of relief.

There is a melancholy heroism in the attitude of the ministers, not only in standing together, but in urging that any relief sent to them be strong enough to give the same protection to these foreigners and native Christians not so favorably and officially circumstanced as themselves.

The discussion with the President led to the determination to reply to the Conger message at once, and accordingly Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adams conferred on the terms of this reply. The report was ready by 3 o'clock and it was forwarded late in the day. It was announced officially and positively that this message would not be made public, either in whole or in substance. It was made plain, however, that the message was sufficiently guarded so as not to further increase the jeopardy of our minister in case the Chinese have access to our cipher.

As to the terms of the message, they are believed to make plain that this government will not advise, much less direct, that Conger leave Peking under Chinese escort, when the minister has advised Washington that he would mean certain death. Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the minister know that there is an unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government, as conveyed to him through the Tsung-li-Yamen, that the foreign governments had urged repeatedly that the ministers be sent out of Peking under suitable escort.

This clause contained in Minister Conger's latest dispatch, clearly shows that the Chinese government is leading him to believe that it is the wish of Washington that he leave under Chinese escort, whereas the United States government never has entertained for a moment the idea of having the minister set out on his dangerous pilgrimage from Peking to the coast under Chinese protection.

There is no probability that the attention of the Chinese government will be directed to its apparent double-dealing as related by the Conger dispatch. This government has transmitted to the powers interested the note to the Chinese government, instructed to Minister Wu on the night of the 5th. It has assurances from the other powers that they have not advised their respective governments to accept Chinese escort from Peking.

It was officially stated at the close of the day that no further representations have been made to the Chinese government since the note to the 5th, and that the note will be made to the Chinese government has given some indication of the attitude it will assume in complying with or denying the demands of the United States.

While the state department is continuing to dispatch messages to Minister Conger on the assurance of the Chinese government that communication is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparatively small hope of their delivery.

ALLIED ARMY FOR CHINA.

Will Consist of 230,000 Men With Five Hundred Guns.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—On apparent authority it is said here today that news regarding the military movements, including the preparations for war, shipments of troops to China will be officially withheld so as not to betray the plan of campaign to China, including the Chinese diplomats in Europe. As a result, reports are very contradictory. However, a number of facts go to show that Germany is preparing further large shipments.

The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired article, admits that 5,000 additional troops will also leave, although it is said at present some 15,000 or 20,000 have been ordered to proceed. The semi-official Militar Wochenblatt, this evening says: "According to present orders from the powers, the middle of August will see altogether 40,500 available troops with 162 guns in the province of Pe Chi Li. By the end of September there will be 75,000 with 250 guns, not including the troops at Shanghai, Canton and Peking."

Russia now has 67,500 with 194 guns concentrating in Manchuria and 15,000 more and 125 guns now forming for invasion. Altogether 220,000 men with 500 guns will be in China within six weeks, and altogether 417 war vessels, exclusive of 21 torpedo boats are now watching the Chinese coast of which seventy are in the gulf of Pe Chi Li.

The newest German attitude in regard to China does not meet with general approval, even within the conservative and socialist parties. Several of the leading organs express grave doubts as to whether Germany should take the lead in China, where her interests are not so large as those of Great Britain and France.

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CAVALRY HORSES FOR CHINA.

The Attec and the Strathgyle Will Carry 1200, Sailing Tuesday.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—The transports Attec and Strathgyle will sail for Taku next Tuesday with over 1,200 cavalry horses.

The transport Warren, carrying troops for China, will sail on the 14th, and the Logan will leave September 1. The Logan will be ready for sea by August 26, but may not leave on that date.

The Rosecrans will sail during the latter part of the month with the men of two light batteries, the horses and equipment of which will go on the Frederika. The Belgian King will sail about the same time, carrying a siege battery of five inch guns, now on the way from Fort Rely.

Hobson Asks for a Command in China

New York, Aug. 11.—Constructor Hobson has asked for the command of a marine detachment in China and is ready, he says, to assume the duty at once, according to a dispatch to the Herald from Washington. Rear Admiral Remey has called that he is opposed to the detaching of Hobson for any such duty. He adds that if the constructor is able to undertake active work in the field he is in a position to return to the command of the transport service. Major Arthur has been ordered to China.

COLUMN FROM KUMASSI

Fort Has Been Reinforced and Re-ratified for Two Months.

Bakwai, Aug. 11.—A column of 700 men under Col. Burrows, has returned from Kumassi, having reinforced and re-ratified the fort for two months. The force attacked and destroyed three old stockades after a desperate bayonet charge in which four officers and thirty-four native soldiers were wounded and three killed. On the night of August 7, Col. Burrows attacked an Ashanti war camp near Kumassi, surprising the camp and bayoneting the enemy. Great numbers were slain without a gun being fired. A lieutenant was killed and two men were wounded.

Other dying columns are going out and it is believed that the punishment inflicted will not soon be forgotten, though several defeats are still needed to clear the country south of Kumassi of the rebels.

GREENBACK RAISERS.

Two Men and a Woman Taken in by Government Secret Service.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Two young men and a young woman have been arrested in this city by Captain Porter, of the government secret service, and city detectives, on charges of raising and passing greenbacks. The men are charged with raising the bills, the woman in some cases with passing them. Those arrested are: Kelly, Thomas, alias Jones, 365 Grand avenue; a printer, 15 years old; and a woman, 19 years of age.

Marx, Winifred, age 19 years, wife of Marx.

The flat at 365 Grand avenue was raided and the outfit found there was confiscated. Some of the bills raised were found on one of the men; the other was caught in the act of passing a \$2 note that had been raised to a \$10.

Captain Porter asserts that the gang has worked in nearly every city of consequence in the United States. The way the notes had been raised was exceedingly clever, and only an expert could tell that they had been tampered with.

TO ABOLISH ROYALTY ON GOLD.

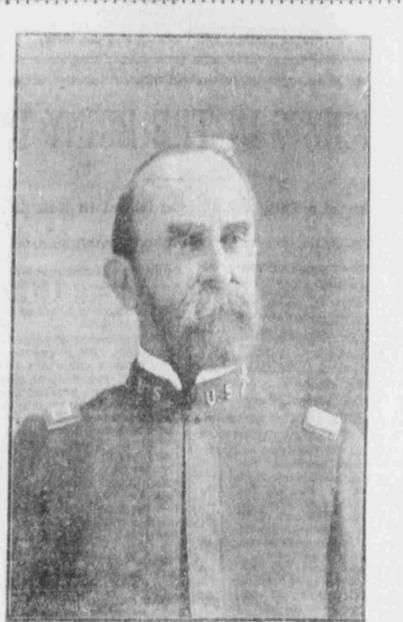
Canadian Government So Decides To Put Assay Office at Dawson.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 11.—It is officially announced that the government has determined to abolish in its entirety obnoxious 10 per cent royalty and to establish at Dawson a government assay office where the gold will be taken from the miners at its exact worth, certificates being issued which the banks will cash at full face value. A small export duty will be imposed upon the gold itself.

The members of the Dominion parliament are to be elected from Dawson in October.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ESKRIDGE.

The New Commandant of Uncle Sam's Twenty-Third Infantry Boys at Fort Douglas.



CONSPIRACY AT PRETORIA.

Momentarily it Eclipses the Chinese and All Other Questions in London.

Boers to prolong their resistance after all chance of successfully opposing the British advance in the field is at an end. They are in favor of treating the Boers as mere mercenaries, instead of soldiers and they argue that the pacification of the country will be indefinitely postponed unless drastic examples are promptly made. They say that snipers, train wreckers and burglars found in arms after taking the oath of allegiance should be promptly shot and their property confiscated.

The fact is, Englishmen are beginning to lose their temper over the irritating delay of the Boer war, and Lord Roberts, if his own prudence and sense of justice would permit, might adopt a rigorous policy of repression without being condemned by public opinion at home.

DID MR. STEYN SUICIDE?

It is Persistently Rumored at Lourenço Marques that He Did.

London, Aug. 11.—It is persistently rumored in Lourenço Marques according to a dispatch to the Daily Express, that Mr. Steyn has committed suicide.

According to the Lourenço Marques correspondent of the Daily Express, President Kruger, in the course of an interview last Wednesday, said that the report that he intended to surrender was without foundation. He declared that the war would last a long time yet.

A hour bulletin continues the correspondence of a big battle between Lydenburg and Middleburg, in which the British had 500 killed and wounded. It also announces the recapture by the burghers of Heilbron upon reports by way of Lourenço Marques that they have proved worthy of little confidence.

EXPRESS MESSENGER KILLED.

He Heroically Defended His Car and Contents and Thereby Lost His Life.

Columbus, O., Aug. 10.—When the Panhandle express train No. 8, from the west, pulled into the Union station shortly after 11 o'clock today, Charles Frank, express messenger, was found dead in the car, which he had in his hand. The safe had been opened with his key and all the valuables taken. The murder and robbery are supposed to have taken place between Milford Center and Columbus.

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