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ALLIED FORCES FIGHT THEIR WAY INTO PEKING AND RESCUE BESIEGED FOREIGNERS

Chinese Capital Captured Last Wednesday, the Japanese Leading the Relief Column and Losing Heavily.

Obstinate Resistance Made by the Defenders of the Walled City, but an Attack Is Made on the East Gate and the Legations Are Finally Reached.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The allied armies have captured and entered Peking in the face of obstinate resistance, and the members of the foreign legations are safe. Official confirmation of the fall of the Chinese capital came to the United States departments to-day in the shape of two cablegrams, one from Admiral Remy and the other from Consul Fowler at Chefu.

Previous information which has been received here showed that the allies' armies took possession of Tungchau on the 12th inst. From that city to Peking the distance is not very great—not more than a dozen miles. It seems evident, therefore, that the armies halted for a time at Tungchau, probably for the purpose of giving the men a rest and preparing for the attack upon the capital city in force after waiting until the rear of the advancing hosts should arrive at the front.

The officials here were aware of the fact that the stronghold of the Boxers was in the Chinese city, and for the allies to attempt to force their way through into the Tartar city, in which the legation compounds are located, might mean a great loss of life and possibly a defeat.

Contrary to the press reports of to-day, Consul Fowler's dispatch shows that the attack on the city met with strong resistance. The Japanese force engaged with the advance, according to the understanding of the officials here, numbered 10,000, so that the loss suffered by them was over 1 per cent.

The President was overjoyed on hearing the news of the safety of Minister Conger and his associates. He has been helping all along that their rescue from the perilous position in which they have been for so long a time would be successfully accomplished.

Nothing has come directly to the War Department from General Chaffee, but the adjutant general's office is momentarily expecting advices. The officials were on hand during the evening and waited until a late hour before leaving for home without receiving any dispatches.

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NIUCHWANG, Aug. 11 (via Shanghai, Aug. 17).—Two thousand Chinese attacked the Russian intrenchments here to-day. They were repulsed with heavy loss, Russian atrocities in Niuchwang have excited the Chinese. It was reported that 15,000 Chinese were coming here determined to recapture the Chinese city at any cost, and the Russians have sent a torpedo-boat to Port Arthur for reinforcements.

GERMANS SAY THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—The news regarding the entrance into Peking was further confirmed to-day by two telegrams received by the Japanese legation in Berlin, one dated August 14 saying that the allied forces were only ten li from the capital, and the other briefly announcing that they had entered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Navy Department to-night received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy: "TAKU, Aug. 17, 1 a. m.—Bureau Navigation, Washington: Just received telegram from Tientsin, dated 16th, 10 p. m.: 'Peking was captured on August 15. Foreign legations are safe. Details follow shortly.'"



ALLIED FORCES ENTERING THE EASTERN GATE OF THE TARTAR CITY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15. From Photographs and Descriptions.

American Troops Will Not Be Withdrawn From China Until the Form of Policy of This Government Has Been Molded.

Special Dispatch to The Call. ALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President McKinley and his Cabinet are rapidly molding into form the policy that this Government shall pursue respecting the future Government of China. Though no final action can, of course, be taken until full reports on the situation are received from Major General Chaffee and Minister Conger, it seems certain that the American troops will not be at once withdrawn.

CHINESE OPPOSED COMMUNICATION WITH MINISTERS

CHEFU, Aug. 16.—The allies reached Peking on Tuesday night, and attacked the city yesterday morning, the Chinese having opposed their communicating with the Ministers. Tungchau was captured by the allies Monday morning and they advanced within eight miles of Peking. The enemy fled the night before. The Japanese took the arsenal and seized fifty thousand riku of rice.

Most of the London Journals Advocate Stern Punishment of Leaders in Outrages Even if They Have to Be Pursued All Over China.

LONDON, Aug. 18, 4 a. m.—"Peking was relieved on the night of the 15th." This message was received last evening at the Imperial customs office in London from the Commissioner of Customs in Chefu. It is the only official message that reached England in confirmation of the earlier reports, Admiral Remy's dispatch not having arrived in time for publication in the London morning papers.

AMERICA TO RESCUE CHINESE CHRISTIANS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A Cabinet official said to-day that unquestionably the native Christians in China, said to

TROOPS COMING WESTWARD.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Light Battery M of the Seventh Artillery, Captain Maccomb commanding, left here this evening for San Francisco en route for China. The command comprises five officers and 155 enlisted men.