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**FIGHTING HAS BEGUN**

**LOOKS AS THOUGH WAR EXISTS IN CHINA.**

**So Many Chinese Troops Gather Around Taku Harbor That the International Commanders Call on Them to Disband. The Fortifications Open Fire on the Fleet Which in Turn Captures the Ports.**

LONDON, June 19.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet. The accounts of what took place are still unsatisfactory.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times gives the following description, said to be from an official source, of the action at Taku:

"On the afternoon of the 16th, in view of the large bodies of Chinese troops assembling at the forts and of the fact that torpedoes had been laid in the river and that all communications were interrupted, the naval commanders held a council and decided to send an ultimatum calling for the disbandment of the troops and announcing that if this demand were not complied with before 2 a. m. of the following day the united squadron would destroy the forts. Shortly after midnight the forts opened fire. The British, French, German, Russian and Japanese warships replied. Two of the forts were blown up, and the rest carried by assault. Two British, one American and five Chinese warships are in Che-yon harbor."

The morning papers consider that a state of war practically exists and that the issue is between Eastern and Western civilization. The Times says that the latest news infinitely increases a situation already sufficiently serious.

**LASTED SEVEN HOURS.**

**Story of the Bombardment From a Japanese Source.**

BERLIN, June 19.—The German consul at Chee Foo telegraphs that a Japanese torpedo boat from Taku has brought the following:

"The Chinese laid torpedoes in the Taku river and collected troops from Chan Hei Kwan. The foreign commanders assembled on the Russian flagship and addressed an ultimatum to the commanders of 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. The telegraph line and railroad between Taku and Tientsin were drawn. Communication by water is also threatened."

**BACK AT TIEN TSIN.**

**Rumored the Relief Column Has Failed to Reach Peking.**

LONDON, June 19.—The admiralty office has received the following official dispatch from Chee Foo: "The Japanese man-of-war Teyashi has just arrived from Taku. She reports that the commander-in-chief and troops are back at Tien Tsin."

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The officials here are puzzled by the statement that the British admiral has arrived at Tien Tsin. They do not know that more than one British admiral was in Pei Ho river and that one was Admiral Seymour, who commands the international relief column towards Peking. If it is this officer then the assumption is that the relief column has failed and has been compelled to retreat to Tien Tsin.

**SILENT SINCE JUNE 12.**

**British Officials Have Heard Nothing From Sir Claude Macdonald.**

LONDON, June 19.—The officials of the foreign office say no word has been received from the British minister at Peking, Sir Claude Macdonald, since June 12, and the government is ignorant as to whether the legations at the Chinese capital have been captured or not. The admirals on the spot are relied on to overcome all difficulties, Admiral Seymour, the British commander, not being hampered by orders and any request which he may make will be promptly met.

**PRACTICALLY PRISONERS.**

**French Consul and Citizens at Yunnan-Sen Prevented From Leaving.**

PARIS, June 19.—The French consul general at South China, who was instructed to send to Tonquin all the French citizens at Yunnan-Sen, cables from the latter place under date of Thursday, June 14, that he had been prevented from leaving with his companions by the viceroy, and that his house and all the missions have been burned. He adds that everything, including their clothes, has been stolen and that they are practically prisoners.

**DEMANDED BY RUSSIA.**

**Asks Fifty Million Taels For Damage Done to Railways.**

LONDON, June 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai says Russia has demanded 50,000,000 taels indemnity for the damage done to the Chinese railways in which Russians are interested.

**COMES FROM HONG KONG.**

**Original Story of the Alleged Massacre and Incendiarism.**

LONDON, June 18.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says all the Pekin legations have been destroyed and that the German minister, Baron von Ketteler, has been killed.

**French Warships For China.**

PARIS, June 19.—The French first-class cruiser Guichen and the French armored cruiser Admiral Charner have been ordered to fit out immediately for China.

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**NEWS CONDENSATIONS.**

Wednesday, June 13.  
The German reichstag has passed the navy bill.

A serious uprising against British rule has again broken out in North Borneo.

Mrs. George H. Boker, widow of the poet and ex-minister to Russia, is dead at her home in Philadelphia.

The president has issued a proclamation formally announcing the establishment of a reciprocity agreement with Portugal.

General Otis called at the White House Monday and personally reported to the president the situation in the Philippines.

Rev. V. S. Pease, father of Granville Pease, editor of the Anoka (Minn.) Union, and one of the pioneer settlers of Minnesota, is dead.

According to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Acra, native rumor is in circulation there that Sir Frederick Mitchell Holgson, governor of Gold Coast colony, has been forced to surrender.

Thursday, June 14.  
The Bank of England's rate of discount has been reduced to 3 per cent.

President McKinley has appointed W. D. Bryan a member of the commission to codify the criminal laws of the United States.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt contradicts the report that it is his intention to retire from political life at the time of the next general election.

The sultan of Turkey has notified the various ambassadors that, in consequence of their representations, he will postpone for a month the application of the new tariff.

The Astor syndicate has secured from the Honduras government concessions for building an isthmian railway across the republic of Honduras from Puerto Cortez on the Atlantic to Amapala on the Pacific coast.

Friday, June 15.  
Serious anti-foreign riots have occurred at Yun Na Fu.

Crop reports from the Northwest indicate that more rain is needed.

Cars are now running at St. Louis without the presence of police.

The Indian famine continues to grow more serious. Six million people are now receiving relief.

More than enough delegates have already been instructed for Bryan to insure his nomination.

Right Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Alabama, is dead, aged 84 years.

Mr. Bryan is enjoying a fishing trip in Wisconsin, the guest of Colonel Wetmore, the St. Louis tobacco magnate.

Credit men of the United States met in annual convention at Milwaukee. John Field of Philadelphia was re-elected president.

Saturday, June 16.  
Vermont Democrats instructed for Bryan.

Imports for May increased \$2,900,000 and exports \$20,000,000.

Admiral Schley's flagship, the Chicago, will be quarantined for 10 days at Montevideo.

A gas explosion in the Canmore coal mines, Alberta, N. W. T., resulted in the death of eight men.

Eight lives were lost in a tenement house fire in New York city. Several other people are missing.

Communication with Peking is totally interrupted. Russia has sent soldiers from Port Arthur, with artillery.

Judge Townsend, in the United States court for the Southern district of New York, has decided that the status of the people of Porto Rico is that of the inhabitants of a foreign country as regards the Constitution of the United States and within the meaning of the tariff acts.

Monday, June 18.  
Richard Croker has sailed for the United States.

The Des Moines Auditorium, used as a convention hall and constructed a year ago at a cost of \$50,000, was destroyed by fire Sunday.

Advices have reached the papal legation at Washington indicating the early appointment of Archbishop Keane as archbishop of Dubuque.

Chairman Jones has issued a statement assuring the public that hotel rates at Kansas City during the Democratic convention will not be exorbitant.

Yellow fever has broken out at Quemados, eight miles from Havana, where United States troops are stationed. Thus far there have been fourteen cases, three of which proved fatal.

The Houston Post prints a list of 15 women and children burned to death in Texas since June 7 by the explosion of kerosene oil cans, in every case except one the person burned was kindling a fire with kerosene.

Tuesday, June 19.  
The Italian cabinet has resigned.

The Illinois Central has secured control of the Fort Dodge and Omaha.

Three men were burned to death in a fire at Brooklyn. Three others are missing.

It is announced that Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co. will ship \$2,000,000 gold to England this week.

General Joe Wheeler has received his commission as brigadier general in the army of the United States from President McKinley.

During the past four months 362 applications for the organization of national banks have been received by the controller of the currency.

Clark von over Daly in the county Democratic conventions in Montana, and there may be a contesting delegation to the Kansas City convention.

**ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT.**

Specifically Declines the Vice Presidential Nomination.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—Governor Theodore Roosevelt has made as specific a refusal of the nomination of the vice presidency as he could possibly make in face of the fact that the nominating convention has not met and that few of the delegations have caucused. Standing in a small room facing a crowd of newspaper men he made the following statement, reading it from a couple of sheets of manuscript:

"In view of revival of talk of myself as a vice presidential candidate I have this to say: It is impossible too deeply to express how touched I am by the attitude of those delegates who have wished me to take this nomination. Moreover, it is not necessary to say how thoroughly I understand the high honor and dignity of the office, an office so high and so honorable that it is well worthy the ambition of any man in the United States. But while I appreciate all this to the fullest extent, nevertheless I feel most deeply that the field of my best usefulness, to the public and to the party is in New York state, and if the party should see fit to renominate me for governor I can in that position help the national ticket as in no other way. I very earnestly ask that every friend of mine in the convention respect my wishes and my judgment in this matter."

The document was in his own handwriting and in lead pencil copy and he read it with the same complacency as he would have given a platform speech. As the governor read he waited for the newspaper men to write down the statement. As he finished reading he said: "Gentlemen, that is all. I have nothing more to say."

**WHEAT GOES SOARING.**

Report of Conditions in the Northwest Very Gloomy.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Wheat has gone booming upward again. Crop reports covering Sunday were sensationally gloomy and there was an enormous demand which swallowed heavy profit-taking of offerings without a break. July opened at 75 3/8 to 75 7/8 cents and on widely exciting bidding soared early to 77 3/8 and then reacted to 77 1/8. To print all the damage reports received would take columns, but they told of fields wiped out and of damage that no amount of rain could now repair. One report said North Dakota could not raise enough spring wheat for seed. An authoritative statistician wired the following to a local firm:

"Visited every section of North Dakota, covering the best counties thoroughly; 20,000,000 bushels outside possibility, against 80,000,000 bushels shown by movement last year. Saturday and Sunday worst days yet and no amount of rain can now help crop."

The weather map showed rains in the Northwest but people in the Dakotas and Minnesota were heavy buyers here and their reports were as a rule as pessimistic as the one quoted.

**FIGHT TO THE END.**

St. Louis Street Car Strikers More Determined Than Ever.

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—There being no immediate prospect of settlement of the street railway strike the situation has become more strained than ever. The Transit officials say that as far as they are concerned the strike is over, while the men, backed by the Federation of Labor, declare they will fight to the bitter end.

Despite the large number of attempts made Sunday to blow up street cars, Sheriff Pohlmann is of the opinion that the force of special deputies is no longer needed and that the police are sufficient for protection purposes.

A conference was held late in the afternoon to discuss the advisability of dispensing with the posse. President Hawkes of the board of police, Sheriff Pohlmann, Chief of Police Campbell and Colonel Cavender, chief of the posse, were present.

**RIOTS IN BULGARIA.**

Outbreaks by Peasants in Which Many Fall on Both Sides.

BELGRADE, Servia, June 19.—The peasants' revolt has broken out again in Bulgaria, in the district of Varna. Many bloody encounters have taken place between the regular soldiers and the insurgents. Several officers and soldiers have been killed and over 100 peasants have fallen. The districts of Varna, Rnstchuk and Shumla have been declared in a state of siege.

**THE INDIAN FAMINE.**

Over Six Million People Now Receiving Relief.

SIMLA, June 16.—Over 6,000,000 persons are now receiving relief. There was an increase in Bombay of 200,000 last week, owing to the return of destitute people, who deserted the works on account of the cholera scare.

The prospects of a fair monsoon are somewhat improved.

Porto Rico's Population.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Inspector General J. P. Sanger, director of the census of Porto Rico, has issued bulletin No. 1, giving itemized statements of the population of the island according to the census taken Oct. 16 last. The population of the island as shown by that census was 953,243, about nine-tenths of the population of the state of Maryland in 1890.

Cuban Customs Receipts.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The war department reports that the customs receipts in the island of Cuba for the first four months of 1900 were \$5,414,963, an increase of \$960,811 over the customs receipts for the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Italian Cabinet Resigns.

ROME, June 19.—In the chamber of deputies the premier, General Pelloux, announced that the cabinet had resigned owing to the deadlock existing and the uncompromising attitude of the opposition to the rules on procedure.