

DOUBT STILL REIGNS

NEWS FROM CHINA IS STILL OF VAGUE AND INDEFINITE CHARACTER

PREPARING FOR RESISTANCE

BOXERS WILL STUBBORNLY CONTEST THE ALLIES' ADVANCE UPON PEKIN

RUSSIANS IN GENERAL ACTION

Chinese Invading Russian Territory in the North Were Repulsed With Heavy Loss—Conger's Dispatch Is Genuine.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5, 5:25 a. m.—A report having been circulated here to the effect that Li Hung Chang had committed suicide, a foreign official sent a messenger to his residence, but an answer was refused.

LONDON, Aug. 5 (3:55 a. m.).—Last night's dispatches add nothing to the general information concerning the progress of events in China. Although the agents of the cable company at Tien Tsin on July 30 asserted that the censorship of press dispatches had been abolished, it is evident that correspondents are not allowed to cable any account of the advance in the direction of Pekin.

According to a dispatch from Shanghai, dated Aug. 3, the principal opposition will be met thirty miles west of Tien Tsin, where it is stated the Chinese have erected extensive barriers and obstructions have been placed in the railway, the track apparently being left intact. The minister of telegraphs and railways objected to the measures being taken for the protection of foreign settlements, the enrollment of volunteers and the presence of foreign warships, and asked the foreign consuls to suspend these measures.

DOUBT CLEARED UP.

Authorities Now Convicted of Genuine-ness of Conger Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The department of state authorized the following statement in regard to the probable date of the first telegram from Minister Conger, to which in transmitting it through Sheng at Shanghai, and Minister Wu, the tsung li yamen assigned the date of July 18:

The department of state is in possession of the original cipher text of the message and received by Minister Wu on July 20 and communicated by him to Secretary Hay on the morning of that day. It is partly in the Chinese cipher code and partly in that of the United States. The two texts were separated by several groups not intelligible in either cipher. As deciphered on July 20 the Conger message appeared to begin with the words "In British legation under continued shot and shell," etc.

HOLD OUT SIX DAYS.

Conger's Message, Dated July 25—Foreigners Fear Treachery.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—A message from Minister Conger, in Pekin, dated July 25, has arrived at Chefoo, says a dispatch to the Herald. United States Minister Conger says that they have provisions and can hold out for six days. Food in Pekin is growing scarce. It is reported that the cessation of attacks on the foreigners was by order of an imperial decree. All the Pekin and Sung Chow Americans also the Walkers, Chaplins, Smiths, Wyckoffs, Hobart Terry and Mackay are safe in Pekin. All the mission property has been destroyed. Under date of Pekin, July 29, Dr. Robert Coleman Jr. writes:

ness government is awakening to the gravity of the situation. It is endeavoring to throw the responsibility for the outrages in Pekin and elsewhere on the British through diplomacy. It is seeking to foment international jealousy to prevent the advance of troops upon Pekin; to escape lawful punishment and to patch up a peace. The British government, that the Chinese government is responsible for the chaos, and they are indignant at the reception given to Li Hung Chang at Shanghai.

POLITE, BUT FIRM.

Tsung li Yamen Will Not Permit Use of Cipher Telegrams.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The state department this morning issued the following: Minister Wu this morning handed to the acting secretary of state a copy of a telegram from the tsung li yamen, dated Aug. 2, and received by Mr. Wu on the evening of the third. It confirms the message of Yuan Shih Kai, governor of Shantung, to the effect that the tsung li yamen, but it is to be noted that it contains a passage to the effect that the tsung li yamen, namely, the announcement that as fighting is going on in Tien Tsin, it is inexpedient to send cipher telegrams.

"Foreign ministers in Pekin are all safe and well," the telegram stated, "and provisions have been repeatedly supplied to them. Relations most friendly. At present consultations are going on for the protection of various ministers going to Tien Tsin for temporary shelter, which will soon be concluded satisfactorily. But as fighting is going on in Tien Tsin, it is inexpedient that cipher telegrams should be sent. Different consuls have been notified so that they may inform their respective governments. Please inform the foreign offices."

NO SHOOTING DONE.

Dr. Smith Says Admiral Seymour Did Not Shoot His Wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Dr. G. P. Smith, who was in the allies' hospital at Tien Tsin until July 5, arrived here today on the steamer City of Pekin from China, and absolutely denied the story of the shooting of the wounded soldiers by Admiral Seymour on the retreat from Tien Tsin. The doctor states that he was present when Admiral Seymour's column arrived, and that the wounded were with him.

BOXERS AND REGULARS

JAPANESE OFFICER ASSERTS THAT THEY FOUGHT TOGETHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—The Kobe Herald, of July 17, prints the full report of Commander Mori to the Japanese government on the attempt of Admiral Seymour to reach Peking. Mori states that the Boxers and Chinese imperial troops were acting in concert. In reviewing the skirmish on that date Commander Mori reported:

"The troops facing the British were Gen. Tung's main body. They carried flags with the ideographs 'Tian' and 'Shen' in gold on a red flag, and in the intervals of these flags were banners with green borders surrounding a red field. Those standards showed that they were confronted by a mixed army of regulars and Boxers. The troops on the enemy's left were Gen. Tung's rear guard, and the number of the standards 2,000. Our force at the time mustered 1,100. In the skirmish that followed 150 of the enemy were killed. The allies' losses were seven English and Germans killed and two German officers, one Russian officer and over forty English, German and Russian soldiers wounded. The Japanese had the ideographs 'Imperial Command' inscribed on the right corner, and all the Boxer flags previously taken were merely the name Ho and a place name.

"They had also seven ideographs signifying 'to save the empire and to destroy the foreigners.' Such a legend was now seen for the first time. It showed that the Boxers and the imperial troops were acting in combination. A fire was opened on them as they approached. As they came nearer, a young British midy got on board two, and that of the enemy fell. The latter therefore. Heavy firing went on all day long from the fort, and the musketry cannon across the river. The French regiments, which was exposed on three sides, suffered terribly, and the secretary of the French municipal council was killed. He was speaking to a French officer when a shell fell and exploded, killing two or three persons.

A good deal of stir was caused the evening by the arrest of two influential Chinese, Chung Yi Mow and Tonz, suspected of communication with the Chinese troops outside by means of cart-pigeons. It was afterwards found that Chang and Tonz were arrested without cause. The behavior of some of the civilians who were under arms and who connected the bluecoats when they went to arrest them was disgraceful. One person firing off his rifle in the mandarin's house and telling him in the most insulting manner that he was being taken away for execution. A number of valuables inside were looted. Chang was the most pro-foreign of all the Chinese about Tien Tsin, and is known to have written to Pekin before communication was cut off urging the authorities there whatever else they did, to be sure to give the ministers a safe passage out. Although scarcely any civilian suffered during the bombardment of the city by the Chinese, scarcely a night passed without one or two of the defending force being killed. One young Russian officer was shot dead by a Chinese of whom he had demanded a passport. The Chinaman showed his passport with one hand and with the other drew a revolver and shot the officer and two men dead, falling himself by a well-directed shot immediately afterwards. After that no Chinese without Europeans were allowed on the streets, under penalty of being shot at sight.

SALSON'S PAST RECORD

HAD LONG BEEN RAPID ANARCHIST OF THE MOST ADVANCED TYPE

FILED TRIGGER TOO FINE

FAILURE TO SHOOT CZAR SATISFACTORILY CLEARED UP

ANARCHISTS BEING WATCHED

London and Continental Police Drawing in on Bands of Conspirators—Belief in Widespread of Organization Growing.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—Today's inquiries have cleared the entire history of Francois Salson, the would-be assassin of the shah of Persia. It seems that Salson's army record was most exemplary, and that he was promoted for soldierly qualities. After the death of his father he resigned from the army and began anew the roving life he had previously followed.

TRIED TO KILL PERRIER-CASIMIR.

During the inquiry Salson related that he once made an effort to assassinate the former president of the French republic, M. Casimir-Perrier. He hid in the shrubbery beside the road M. Casimir-Perrier was accustomed to take in his daily walks, and when the latter

that England is his only remaining asylum. BRESCIA'S ACCOMPLICE. MONZA, Aug. 4.—It is now fully believed that the shoemaker, Nicolini, for "Billa," was Brescia's accomplice. Nicolini disappeared, but he telegraphed to Brescia on July 20, announcing his departure, "everything being ready."

DIG FIRE AT ASHLAND

FOUR LIVES LOST AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF LUMBER BURNED

VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER

THEY WERE PINIONED BETWEEN BLAZING PILES OF BOARDS AND THIS PERISHED

LOSS REACHES ONE MILLION

Barker & Stewart's Lumber Yards With Their Fifty Million Feet of Stock Go Up in Smoke.

ASHLAND, Wis., Aug. 4.—(Special).—The fire that originated in the east side of the Barker & Stewart lumber yards today destroyed 50,000,000 feet of white pine lumber, three docks and two warehouses, causing a loss of about \$1,000,000. The blaze was noticed in the Barker & Stewart mill yard about 1 o'clock. One hour later it had enveloped the entire yard with raging, seething flames, the roar of which could be heard for blocks. About 2:30 the lumber piles on the west dock of the Keystone docks were ignited by the flames from the Barker & Stewart mill, which shot fierce tongues across a lapse of water 350 feet wide. The wind was of the cyclonic order, and hurried sparks and masses of smoke the entire length of Chequamegon bay, threatening

BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

- Weather Forecast for St. Paul, Showers and Cooler. 1-Chinese Situation. Anarchists Getting Scared. Barial of a Prince. Fatal Fire at Ashland. 2-Fatality of Storage Fire. Mutuals Thinning Out. Woman's Body Found. 3-Relief From the Heat. Buyers in St. Paul. Lyon County's Wolf Harvest. 4-Editorial. Dooley on Anarchists. 5-Budweiser's Talk With H. Medical Notes. In the City Pulpits. 6-European Cable Letters. Casualties in Philippines. 7-Train Lighting Tricks. News of the Railroads. Text of German Treaty. Russia's Own War. 8-Sporting Page. Yacht Race at Montreal. Willie Green's Letter. 9-Sporting Page. Results of Ball Games. Ladies' Bicycle Race. 10-General Political News. State and Local Politics. 11-Parade in Nightgown. 12-Box With a Mystery. Original Jim the Penman. Facts About Horses. 13-Man Taught Wales Poker. 14-St. Paul Society. 15-Suburban Social. Prof. Smith in Europe. Echo of Helen Gould. 16-Sketch of Mrs. Roosevelt. Queen's Life at Balmoral. Miss Merriam's Golf Playing. Among the New Books. Of Interest to Women. 17-Short Story of the Day. New Game of Golf. Lessons in Palmistry. 18-Where China Hit Russia. New Federal Building. Censor in South Africa. 19-Future of China. Tragedies of the Hivemeyers. Mending a Ship at Sea. Intrigues of a Russian Woman. 20-Markets of the World. Chicago Sept. Wheat, 75c. Stocks Strong. Financial Review. 21-Popular Wants. Real Estate. 22-Dramatic News. Snap-Shots of the Stage. Musical Matters. Experience With Rossini. Kissing in Chicago.

AMERICANS FIRED AT

BOERS SHOOT AT TRAIN CONTAINING CONSUL STOWE.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Lord Roberts telegraphs to the war office that Gen. Hunter reports that 3,378 men have surrendered to his command. Gen. Hunter also secured 2,366 horses and three guns. Lord Roberts adds that Gen. Ian Hamilton, continuing his movement towards the Boer lines, has left two and a half miles from the Boer lines. The Boers were more numerous than the British, but were defeated. A Boer force was attacked by Gen. Knox near the railway north of Kroonstad Wednesday, Aug. 1, and left five wagons in the train. A dispatch from Pretoria, dated Aug. 4, to a news agency here, says: "It is reported that Gen. Christian De Wet is dead from a shell wound. The report has not been confirmed."

FOUR DOOMED MEN.

In the Barker & Stewart yards four employees, assisting in the dynamiting, were pinioned between burning piles of lumber, and after looking anxiously around and waving their hands to the 5,000 spectators on shore in hope of receiving help, were seen to go down in the hell of fire raging beneath them. The lime, salt and cement dock, lying just east of the Keystone docks, was inflamed by sparks from the latter and totally destroyed, although section after section was blown up to save that portion of it that lay beyond. Realizing that unless something was hastily done to curb the onwardness of the flames inland the whole town would be wiped out, dynamite was used with a lavish hand and several piles of lumber and two docks were blown into the bay. At 5 o'clock the gale subsided to a lively breeze, which veered to the south and shot the fire out over the bay. Tonight the fire is still burning, with a stiff breeze blowing in the direction of the mill. The entire stock of the Barker & Stewart yards destroyed belonged to the Edward Hines Lumber company, of Chicago, and amounted in the aggregate to 30,000,000 feet of white pine.

EX-GOVERNOR DEAD.

Jacob D. Cox, Once in Grant's Administration, Died Yesterday.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 4.—A private telegram from Magnolia, Miss., says that ex-Gov. Jacob D. Cox, of Ohio, died there this afternoon. He was governor of Ohio during 1887-9, and was secretary of the cabinet under Gen. Grant. Deceased was seventy years old.

WAS LAID IN THE TOMB

ROYALTY AND PRINCES PAY LAST TRIBUTES OF RESPECT TO THE LATE DUKE

FROM HIS SORROWING MOTHER

THE WREATH SENT BY QUEEN VICTORIA BORE THAT INSCRIPTION

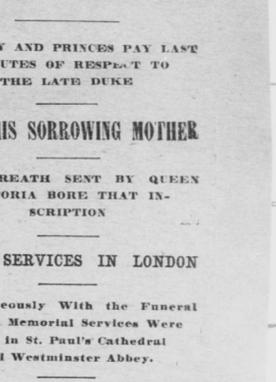
MANY SERVICES IN LONDON

Simultaneously With the Funeral Solemn Memorial Services Were Held in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

COBURG, Aug. 4.—Emperor William arrived here at 11:30 a. m. to attend the funeral of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. He was given an ovation by dense crowds awaiting him at all points along the route.

As soon as the emperor arrived at the castle the funeral cortege was immediately formed. The emperor walked in the first rank between Duke Charles Edward and the prince regent. The Prince of Wales, between the Grand Duke of Hesse and King Ferdinand of Roumania followed. Then came the Duke of Connaught, the duke of York and an endless procession of princes and dukes, representatives of German and foreign sovereigns and

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courts, naval and militia deputations and officers of the ducal court. The cortege entering St. Moritz's church, took up places in the chancel which had been converted into a veritable grove of palm trees. The church was draped in black with hangings of embroidered ermine.

The gloom was relieved at intervals by green pine sprays and red frieze, and the creped pillars were entwined with fresh garlands. From the organ loomed a black requiem was suspended with the arms and initials of the dead duke embroidered upon it in silver. The wreath sent by the dead duke's mother, Queen Victoria, which was placed at the head of the coffin, was composed of scarlet geraniums, white stocks and heliotrope formed the national colors, and bearing the following pathetic inscription: "From his sorrowing mother." At the foot of the coffin lay a wreath of oak leaves, inscribed "From his three sisters." The most striking feature among the many beautiful floral pieces was an immense horseshoe of white flowers, entwined with a cable of corn flowers, inscribed: "The British navy mourns its gifted admiral."

Among the wreaths were displayed the duke's orders and decorations. At the close of the simple funeral ceremonies the troops fired a salute from the castle square, after which the cortege returned to the castle.

During the service the hereditary prince of Saxe-Coburg was taken ill and had to be carried to the chaplain's house. He soon recovered.

Emperor William paid a visit of condolence to the widow, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha this afternoon, and then left for Wilhelmshohe.

At 10 o'clock tonight the remains of the duke were carried by torchlight to an escort of princes, to the mausoleum in the churchyard and placed in a vault.

SERVICES IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Simultaneously with the funeral of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, at Coburg today, a memorial service was held in the Chapel Royal at St. James' palace, which was attended by the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York, the Duchess of Argyll, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and leading court notables and diplomats. The chapel, which was decorated with exotics, presented an imposing appearance. The service was fully choral. The congregation wore court dress.

Memorial services were also held in St. Paul cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and in other cities, and fifty-five minute guns were fired at the naval stations at Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport.

BUILDINGS WRECKED.

Explosion of Gas Results in Demolishing Two Structures.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 4.—By an explosion of gas this evening two buildings on Lackawanna avenue, in the heart of the business district, were completely demolished and twenty-one persons were injured by being caught in the wreckage or struck by flying debris.

A leak in a gas pipe in the cellar of the bank was responsible for the explosion. The janitor detected the odor of gas when he returned from supper, and, after telephoning for a plumber, thought to make an investigation, and, going in the cellar, struck a match. He was picked up unconscious in the alley in the rear of the bank.

Young Man's Suicide.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 4.—Edwin C. Vanhoosen, operator at Nichols' grain commission rooms, attempted to commit suicide this afternoon by shooting himself in the head twice. He was about thirty years old and came here from Minneapolis.

There is every indication that the Chicago



SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CENSUS—SORRY, BUT YOU'RE NOT AS BIG AS YOU FEEL.