

## AMERICANS WERE FIRST: LEAD IN IMPERIAL CITY.

Penetrated to the Gates of the Palace—Capt. Reilly's Death Confirmed.

### ANOTHER FIGHT OCCURS NEAR TIEN TSIN.

Chaffee's Losses in Two Days' Fighting Six Killed and Thirty Wounded.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The navy department received the following from Remey: "Taku, Aug. 20.—Dickens' command is landing today. Pekin advises the 16th say: All except the imperial city is cleared of Chinese troops. The Americans were first to enter the imperial city and have penetrated to the gates of the palace. Capt. Reilly, 5th artillery, was killed Aug. 15. The morning of the 19th the 6th cavalry and 400 English and Japanese disposed of 1,000 Boxers outside of Tien Tsin. About 100 Chinese were killed. Five Americans were wounded. Chaffee's losses were six killed and 39 wounded in two days' fighting."

London, Aug. 22.—Admiral Bruce cabled the admiralty from Taku the 20th that the allies were fighting the Chinese outside Tien-Tsin the 19th.

Washington, Aug. 22.—As a result of the conference between the president, Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee, the reply to Li Hung Chang as agreed upon has been drafted. It will be delivered to Minister Wu today. It is expected the text will be made public later.

Rome, Aug. 22.—Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee left Rome this afternoon for Naples, where he will embark for China.

#### CIVILIZATION'S FLAG.

Now Floating Over the Imperial Palace in the Peking "Forbidden City."

London, Aug. 22.—In the news that reaches London this morning direct from China there is nothing to confirm the report that the emperor dowager has been run to earth. The foreign envoys, according to the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, are proceeding to Tien-Tsin. The same correspondent avers that the sacred city was entered Aug. 15, two days earlier than Rear Admiral Bruce reported. "The flag of the allies," says the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, waving yesterday, "are now floating over the imperial palace. Street fighting, however, continues. Considerable assistance in the capture of Peking was rendered by 4,000 armed native Christians. The legations were enabled to hold out by purchasing ammunition from the Chinese."

#### United States Action Approved.

American action in refusing to deal with Li Hung Chang in the peace proposal meets with unanimous approval at the hands of the morning papers. The Standard says: "We imagine that other powers will take the same course, at any rate until East 14 produces satisfactory evidence of his authority to negotiate." The Daily Chronicle says: "Mr. Conger has at last opened the eyes of the state department to the real character of the Oriental."

#### Uncle Sam Rejects the Appeal.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The cabinet session yesterday practically opened the consideration of the momentous questions growing out of the capture of Peking and the war in China. Several questions were awaiting attention. First of these was the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of Minister Conger or some other commissioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal, and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang. The moving cause for this action is that the government is at present very much in the dark as to whether there is any existing government in China.

#### Minister Conger's Message.

The cabinet had before it a message from Minister Conger received Monday night. After the meeting the state department made public portions of the dispatch. It is dated Chefoo, Aug. 20, but has no Peking date. It says: "Saved. Relief arrived today. Entered city with little trouble. Do not know where imperial family is. Except deaths already reported, all Americans alive and well. Desperate efforts made last night to exterminate us. Mitchell, American soldier, and a

Russian and Japanese wounded. German killed. Advise Woodward, Chicago; Conger, Des Moines; Sims, Council Bluffs; Conger, Pasadena; Porter, Paris."

#### STORY OF PEKING'S CAPTURE.

Our Flag One of the First Planted on the Walls—Brief Fight Story.

Peking, Aug. 14, via Chefoo, Aug. 21.—[Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.]—The American and Russian flags were planted on the east wall of Peking at 11 o'clock this morning. The Indian troops entered the British legation at 1, and the Americans at 3. There was a joyful reception from the wall. The evacuated troops could have lasted but little longer. They had only three days' rations. The Chinese had been attacking furiously for two days. Four thousand shells fell in the legation during the siege. Sixty-five persons were killed and 100 wounded.

The Japanese began the battle before daylight and they are still fighting about the north wall, where a part of the Chinese are defending the imperial city. The Japanese casualties have not yet been ascertained. The Russians had five killed and twelve wounded. The Americans and British had a few wounded. The plan was to make a general attack tomorrow, and the troops were arriving at camp, five miles east, all night. They were completely exhausted and slept in the corn fields in the rain.

The generals, however, alarmed at the sounds of a heavy attack on the legations, pushed forward independently. The British, American and French on the left of the river, and the Russians and Japanese on the right. Beginning at 2 o'clock this morning the Japanese diverted the brunt of the resistance to the northern city, their artillery engaging the Chinese heavily there. The Americans and British met with little resistance until they entered the city, where there was street fighting. Reilly's battery attempted to breach the inner wall. The troops finally entered the foreign settlement through the canal. Company E, Fourteenth United States infantry, planted its flag on the outer wall. Musicians then scaling the wall with a rope, by means of which the others climbed to the top. The Chinese had continually violated the armistice. The food supplies sent to the legations by the emperor dowager were sufficient for one day.

#### STATEMENT THAT CONGER MAKES.

Says the Whole Movement Is a Governmental One, Not Rebellion.

Washington, Aug. 22.—What the government cut out of Conger's dispatch is probably given in a special to the New York Herald from Peking, dated Aug. 17, which quotes Conger as saying: "If the relieving column had not arrived when it did we should probably have been snatched. The Americans lost seven marines killed and fifteen wounded, and one child died. The whole movement is purely a governmental one. The Boxers are only a pretense, having no aims. The confidential advisor of the emperor was the leader of the imperial troops here. In

#### SEVEN DEAD IN THE WRECK.

All of Seven Train Men Employed Running New York Central Freight.

New York, Aug. 22.—In a freight train collision at Kensico, N. Y., last night seven persons were killed and others are missing. Kensico is on the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad, about sixteen miles from New York. At 8:30 last night, while a freight train was standing at the station, a second freight dished into the rear end of it.

Reports from the scene of the accident say that the engineer and fireman of the second train, and the conductor and two brakemen of the freight train are dead under the wreck, that two others of the train crew are also buried in the debris, and others are unaccounted for. The engineer was William Sangerbach, of New York, and his fireman was Johnny Cassidy, of New York.

#### Some Lynchers Who Got Justice, Nearly.

Palestine, Tex., Aug. 22.—Former Justice of the Peace Joseph Wilkerson, the alleged leader of the mob that lynched the three Humphries in Henderson county in May, 1889, and J. A. Jones, Sam J. Hall and John F. Maddie, the remaining defendants, yesterday pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree and each received a life sentence in the penitentiary. The action disposes of all the Humphries trial raised, about sixteen miles from New York. At 8:30 last night, while a freight train was standing at the station, a second freight dished into the rear end of it.

#### Mother Taken, Babe Left.

Rice Lake, Wis., Aug. 22.—Mrs. George Plesner was killed instantly by lightning at her home near this city. At the time she had a babe in her arms and a child by her side, neither of whom were injured.

#### MARRIAGES THAT WERE NOT FAILURES.

Nashville, Ills., Aug. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their country home south of this city Monday. Seven children, twenty-six grandchildren and thirty-eight great-grandchildren were present. Carroll is 93 and his wife 92 years.

#### Police Want Them for Forgery.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—M. F. Ryan and his alleged sister, Mrs. E. Ross, if they are caught by the police will be charged with forgery, swindling and perjury. They obtained \$1,800 from Walter M. Howland in the Portland block by mortgaging to him property at 4442 St. Lawrence avenue which did not belong to them.

#### Hot Time in That Old Town.

Pana, Ills., Aug. 22.—Yesterday was the hottest day of the year, the thermometer standing 104 in the shade at 1 p. m. Business and farming was practically suspended.

#### Whittico Waives Examination.

Pana, Ills., Aug. 22.—Sid Whittico, who attempted to kill his wife and mortally wounded his sister-in-law, has waived examination and been held to the circuit court without bonds.

#### ELopement Spoiled

This Time Because the Girl's Father "Got There" in Time for Action.

#### OPENING OF THE POLITICAL FIGHT

Republicans and Democrats Both at It in the Springfield Section—Two Marriage Records.

Decatur, Ills., Aug. 22.—A wedding which was to have been the culmination of an elopement from Bluffs, Ills., to Decatur has been indefinitely postponed by the bride-elect's father and her lover and his best man are in the hands of the police on the charge of abduction. Anton A. Eastman, of Wellsville, N. Y., and Miss Maud Rockwood, of Bluffs, Ills., eloped from Bluffs Sunday night, reaching here at 3 a. m. Monday. With them was Earle E. Foster, also of Wellsville. The three went to a hotel, where Miss Rockwood was registered as from New York. She took a room while the two young men went out in front of the hotel and sat down to await the opening of the county clerk's office.

#### Question of Age Is Raised.

While the men were still keeping their vigil a dispatch to the Decatur police came from B. Rockwood, the girl's father, requesting that the party be arrested. A policeman found the two men and the girl after a brief search in his cavity, Carlos Cassasos, C. M. Vowell, Ben Lawe and John Ling were in a remote chamber, and were overcome by smoke and black camp. The bodies were recovered.

#### Steamer Seized by a Marshal.

Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 22.—The steamer Inter Ocean, bound down, was seized by United States Marshal Lomasney yesterday on a writ issued by the St. Clair Steamship company, owners of the schooner Fontana. It is asserted the Inter Ocean passed the schooner Santiago in the rapids above Port Huron, causing that vessel to shear into the Fontana and sinking her. The Inter Ocean will be appraised, bonded and released pending a suit to locate the blame for the loss of the Fontana.

#### Called Him a "Nigger."

New Orleans, Aug. 22.—A shooting affray that occurred yesterday on a truck farm owned by Rudolph Eschman, in the French portion of the city, had its origin in Eschman calling a neighbor, Louis Delmont, a negro. The latter went home, secured a revolver, and upon returning shot both Eschman and his step-brother, Frank Dooty. A general fight occurred and all the men are in the hospital. Eschman cannot recover from his injuries.

#### Prince Accepts a Professorship.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Prince Maximilian of Saxony has accepted the professorship of canonical law at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland.

#### Her Majesty Engaged Again.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—The Lokal Anzeiger announces the engagement of Queen Wilhelmina to Prince Frederick Adolf of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

#### Cholera in Bombay.

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Said the commodore: "The weather was perfectly calm up to the time we reached the storm. The air was clear—clear so that we could see for twenty miles around. Suddenly we saw, toward the shore, a greenish black cloud. It came toward us with a mighty roar. It seemed to be a turning mass, and whirled and whirled about, first in this and then in that direction. It came on us like a flash, and so soon that we did not have time to prepare for it. The yacht seemed to be literally swamped many times and it was due to only the courage of the crew that the boat weathered the storm."

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