

BUT ONE THING TO DO

Minister Conger Cables that Allies Hurry On to Peking.

MINISTERS REFUSE TO LEAVE THEIR POSTS

Escort of Natives Proposed by Tung Li Yamen Means Certain Death.

NEARLY 4,000 PERSONS PRAY FOR RESCUE

Receipt of Latest Message Determines Government to Rush Relief to Capital.

SECRET INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY ADEE

Under No Circumstances Will U. S. Government Direct or Even Hint That Its Representative Shall Accede to Chinese Request.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—In the light of the latest dispatches 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 be done in the present circumstances, namely, to press on to the relief of the beleaguered garrison at Peking. This was made known after extended communications between Washington and the president at Canton. The Conger message was accepted as showing conclusive justification for the imperative demand of the United States sent to the Chinese government on Wednesday night, insisting that the imperial troops co-operate with the international forces in the rescue of the ministers, and until this condition, as well as the cessation of the bombardment, is fully conceded by China, there is no other course open to us than to press steadily onward in the mission of relief.

The Conger dispatch was received here daylight at the Chinese legation, and as soon as the official day opened, Minister Wu presented it to the acting secretary of the State department. It was in the American cipher and was found to be an identical note with that of the other ministers at Peking (that is, the French minister, M. Pinchon, already having appeared), with the exception of the fact that seven members of the American guard had been killed and fifteen wounded.

Text of Conger's Message.

The text of the message, as given out by the State department, is as follows: Secretary of State, Washington: The United States government has repeatedly asked through the respective Chinese legations in London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Madrid, and St. Petersburg, to make the necessary arrangements to do so. Our reply is that we seek to secure the release of our ministers and that in the absence of such instructions we cannot quit our posts. Must inform you that in order to insure our safe departure foreign troops only can be used. We are not prepared to accept a Chinese escort, and we are not prepared to accept a Chinese escort, and we are not prepared to accept a Chinese escort.

Secret Reply to Cablegram.

The determination of the secretary to reply to the Conger message at once and accordingly Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee conferred on the terms of this reply. The text was ready by 3 o'clock of this reply, and 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 as not to increase the least anxiety of any minister in case the Chinese have no reply 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 Mr. Conger leave Peking under a Chinese escort. The minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death.

Chinese Deception Made Plain.

Moreover, the reply doubtless lets the minister know that there is an unaccountable error in the statement of the Chinese government, as conveyed by him, that the government has transmitted to the other powers interested the note to the Chinese government entrusted to Minister Wu on the night of August 8. It has assurance from the other powers that they have not advised their representatives to believe that it is the wish of Washington that he leave under a Chinese escort, whereas the United States has never entertained for a moment the idea of having the minister set out on a dangerous pilgrimage from Peking to the coast under Chinese protection.

Message May Not Be Delivered.

While the State department is continuing to dispatch messages to Minister Conger on the assurance of the Chinese government that the communication is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparatively small hope of their delivery. This assertion was borne out tonight when Secretary Root said that there was no convincing evidence in possession of this government that any of our dispatches had really reached Minister Conger. This indicated that the minister had not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed to him by the Department of State. No additional dispatches were received today bearing on the military situation, either from General Chang or Admiral Remy, and the latest situation leaves the international forces at Yang Tsun last Monday night.

Ministers Refuse to Leave Their Posts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Charles W. Humphreys, who has been appointed chief quartermaster of the Chinese expeditionary force, was at the War department today in consultation with Secretary Root and Quartermaster General Ludwig. It is deemed probable that the Chinese government will not advise, much less direct, that Mr. Conger leave Peking under a Chinese escort. The minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death.

Second Infantry for China.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The second infantry received orders today to leave Fort Thomas, Ky., next Wednesday for San Francisco for service in China. Colonel Collins is in command and among his captains is Francis G. Fremont, son of General John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder."

PEN PICTURE OF WALTERSEE

Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in Germany is Almost Three Score and Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—This evening the Associated Press has another pen picture of the 67-year-old Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces in Germany, who, although nearly three score and ten, is still a vigorous and energetic man. His hair is closely cropped and an iron gray mustache contrasts with a ruddy complexion. Evidently he is undertaking his important task in China with spirit and energy. He expressed regret at being unable to talk freely about his campaign, but said:

"I am busy making preparations for my departure and have been conferring at length with the minister of war and with Count von Schlieffen, chief of the general staff. A list of the officers comprising my China staff was submitted to Emperor William, who approved it. Some German officers will accompany me.

"I will, in point of fact, give up the idea of going to China by way of San Francisco. I shall start from Genoa on August 21, sailing by the Sachsen and expect to arrive at Shanghai on September 22. There I shall establish preliminary headquarters and complete my staff from the contingents of the other powers. One reason for this change is that I can be better reached by telegraph while on the way.

"Tomorrow morning I shall go for a brief visit to Hanover to arrange a number of personal matters.

"I am very glad to hear that my appointment has been received in the United States with approval. You see (this was added smilingly) I am half an American myself."

News as to Troops Withheld.

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

The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired article, admits that 5,000 additional troops will soon leave, although it says that at present only 40,000 or 20,000 have not been ordered to proceed.

The semi-official Mitteil Wochenblatt this evening says:

"According to present orders from the powers, the middle of August will see, altogether, 40,000 available troops, with 162 guns, in the province of Pe-Chi-Li. By the end of September there will be 78,000, with 280 guns, not including the troops at Shanghai, Canton and Peking."

"Russia now has 47,000, with 104 guns, concentrated in Manchuria and 30,000 more, with 128 guns, now forming for invasion."

"Altogether 230,000 men, with 500 guns, will be in China within six weeks and altogether 417 war vessels, exclusive of one torpedo boat, are now watching the Chinese coast, of which seventy are in the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li."

The newest German attitude regarding China does not meet with general approval. The conservative and central parties, the organs 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.

German Disapprove Russian Policy.

The Schlesische Zeitung says that the German press, the Cologne Gazette calls it a leap into the darkness, and the National Zeitung remarks that Germany does not need to work for prestige, but ought to be content to walk in the rank and file with other powers.

The Vossische Zeitung says: "It is absolutely necessary to have not only harmonious diplomacy, to win against China."

General von Hanneken, in the Lokal-anzeiger, recommends an understanding with Great Britain and the employment of captive Chiamen as coolies in New Guinea.

The correspondent then adds that the British casualties were 200 and the American 250, but this latter estimate, it will be noticed, is four times greater than that of General Chang's report.

General von Hanneken says the Chinese minister there, Yang Yu, has received a telegram announcing that Li Hung Chang is dangerously ill and confined to his bed and that he has been granted a month's leave.

Whether St. Petersburg dispatch asserts that the Russian general staff has been notified that the Chinese, 12,000 strong, are moving from Hu Nan and Hu Pei toward Peking and Tien Tsin.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily News writing Thursday announces that the Chinese merchants are petitioning the authorities not to land troops.

TO LAND TROOPS AT SHANGHAI

United States May Follow England's Example and Send Men from Princeton and Castine.

FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACE

Report Li Hung Chang Has Been Authorized to Negotiate with Powers.

ADVANCING ON PEKIN FROM THE NORTH

Statement Comes from Yokohama that Japs and Russians Are in the Move—Landing Troops at Shanghai.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 10.—The Foreign office has received the following message, signed "de Cartier."

"SHANGHAI, Aug. 10.—An Imperial decree names Li Hung Chang as minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace." (E. de Cartier de Marchienne, first secretary of the Belgian minister at Peking.)

The Foreign office has also received from the Belgian minister at Peking a dispatch identical with that received yesterday by the French Foreign office from the French minister at Peking, M. Pinchon, telling of the attempt made by the Chinese to secure the foreign ministers' acceptance of a Chinese escort to Tien Tsin.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—An edict emanating from Peking and authorizing Li Hung Chang to negotiate with the powers for peace, has been received here.

The French consul at Shanghai says 3,000 Annamite troops will arrive there next week for the protection of the French settlement. The Chinese merchants of Shanghai have petitioned the foreign consuls there to prevent the landing of troops, and the Chinese will create a panic among the Chinese.

Li Ping Hong, the former governor of Shan Tung, personally commanded 15,000 Chinese at Yang Tsun.

Dispatches received here from Berlin say that Emperor Francis Joseph and King Victor Emmanuel III. have telegraphed to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee congratulating him upon his appointment to the chief command of the allied troops in China.

Field Marshal von Waldersee, it is announced here, will sail August 21 or August 22 for an Italian port and that he will go to Shanghai first.

About 5,000 more German troops are going to China. The government at Berlin is negotiating with the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines for eight transports.

CARNEGIE AIRS HIS VIEWS

Millionaire Compliments Administration and Advises Against Joint Action with Powers.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Andrew Carnegie sends to the Associated Press this statement regarding the situation in the far east and the relation of the United States to future developments there:

"The refusal of the United States to participate in the attack on the Taku forts makes the Washington government the natural mediator between China and the European governments, but America's position may be easily forfeited by refusing to join the action. Release of Minister Gervais from detention, and the injury received are duties incumbent upon the government, but the United States, in my opinion, should not step in conjunction with European powers. I take this view because each of these powers has separate interests at heart."

"Great Britain is going to land troops to maintain the status quo in the Yangtze valley as her special province. France is another power which may even find itself pledged to go forward into a campaign against the powers at war with each other. To enter upon a contest with 400,000 Chinese might prove as disastrous to the United States as a war against a combination of European powers."

Washington has been the only government of Europe which has placed our government in a higher and better position than that occupied by any other nation.

Probably Great Britain is committing a serious error in its policy. The department at Shanghai, President McKinley has only to continue in the course upon which he has started. The United States a most commanding position. It is in the only position to give the government of China a fair trial and not condemn it until proved guilty.

Our policy should be to give the attack of China and quell about the division of Chinese territory. We remain friendly and await events. We have quite enough foreign territory already.

ADMIRAL DEWEY MISQUOTED

Not Responsible for Statements Attributed to Him Regarding China and Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Admiral Dewey said today, speaking of a published story of an interview with him in relation to Philippine and Chinese affairs: "My attention has been drawn to the article published. I made use of no words saying or intimating that 'Whatever show of resistance to our authority there is at the present time in the Philippine islands will be kept up until after our election in November. The insurgents will get all the help they can hold out to the soldiers the hope of Bryan's election.' Neither did I say or intimate that in my opinion a state of war exists between this country and China. These statements attributed to me are absolutely incorrect."

CHINESE FLY FROM RUSSIANS

Advance of the Carr's Columns on Hai Chau Causes Panic Among Defenders.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—Official reports say that three separate Russian columns succeeded in surrounding a large Chinese force at Hai Chau, and the Russians advancing from all sides, the Chinese fled in an easterly direction, leaving a dozen obsolete guns behind them. The Russians pursued the Chinese for thirty-five versts, until they were exhausted and compelled to abandon the pursuit.

WU IN DELIGHTFUL DOUBT

Chinese Minister Has Not Heard that Li Hung Chang is Negotiating for Peace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, is displaying a great deal of interest in the reports that Li Hung Chang has been appointed a minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace with the powers. He said tonight that he had not received any confirmation of the report. Li has the implicit confidence of the government and his appointment to the place named would be an eminently appropriate one.

BARON RUSSELL PASSES AWAY

Lord Chief Justice of England Dies as the Result of a Surgical Operation.

MESSSENGER KILLED IN HIS CAR

Charles Lane Shot Eight Times on Panhandle Road Near Columbus.

NO CLUE OF THE ROBBERS HAS BEEN FOUND

Appearances Indicate that the Expressman, Though Taken by Surprise, Made Desperate Struggle to Defend Himself.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 10.—When the Panhandle express train No. 8 from the west pulled into the Union depot shortly after 11 o'clock tonight Charles Lane, the express messenger, was found dead in the car with a bullet in his heart. The safe had been opened and all the valuables taken. The murder and robbery is supposed to have taken place between Milford Center and Columbus, as no harm had befallen the express messenger when the train stopped at Milford. The messenger was alone. No one heard the shots or saw anything of the robbers.

It is supposed the robbers jumped off the train as it slowed up coming into the Union depot. The utmost mystery veils the identity of the robbers. The officials of the Adams Express company give no statement as to the probable amount of money secured by the robbers, but it is reported to be a considerable sum.

The safe was not blown, though that was the first report. The robbers took the key from the express messenger after he had been killed and left it sticking in the lock.

Lane was shot through the heart and not through the head, as first reported. He looked the dead as usual and showed no desperate and bloody fight.

The murder was done possibly between Marble Cliff and the city, surely between Milford Center and the Union Station in the city. When an express messenger, M. Sheldon, who assists Robert Mulligan, agent for the Adams Express company, at the Union Station, went to the door of express car 812, which had just pulled in from St. Louis and Indianapolis, he was attacked by two men who showed it back. A horrible sight met his gaze.

Flat on his face and in a pool of his own blood lay the messenger. His head was lying just between the edge of the stove and the edge of the door in the forward end of the car. The messenger was about eight inches below the shoulder. One bullet entered in the left side of the head, and four were in and about the call of the right leg. Two bullets were visible under the skin of the breast, one about one and one-half inches to the right of and above the right nipple and the other an inch above and inside the left nipple. These two extra bullets were found to be of thirty-eight caliber. One bullet was picked up under the right leg, half way between the knee and ankle, as the body was lying on the face in the car, and another found near the right foot, lying about two feet away.

Everything pointed to a surprise and a deadly struggle in the car. From appearances Lane was washing his face and hands preparatory to leaving his car and was about to open the door to throw out the bucket of water when the first shot was fired, or when he was struck from behind. His own revolver was found in the safe with two empty shells, indicating that he had probably fired twice at his assailants. He was shot to death in a few minutes, but to make sure of death it is believed some of the shots were fired at him while he lay prostrate.

The dead man's keys were taken out of his pockets, together with his knife and what valuables he may have had. The keys were used to open the strong box and the contents were taken. The keys and knife were then laid on the body and the revolver placed in the safe. The car was deserted at one of two points, either at Marble Cliff or at the viaduct at the entrance to Union station.

The train was in charge of Conductor Jerry Taylor, who took it out of St. Louis at Milford Center. Mr. Lane and his car were all right, for Mr. Taylor had a conversation with him at that point. One report is that \$45,000 was taken.

CHANCE TO GET WELL POSTED

Treasury Department Prepares a Circular of Information on Finance.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—A. T. Huntington, chief of the division of loans and currency in the treasury, by the direction of Acting Secretary Vanderlip, has prepared an eighty-seven page circular of information concerning United States bonds, paper currency, coin, the production of precious metals, etc. This circular is similar to the one issued in 1896 and 1897, with the data brought down to July 1, 1900.

Among the subjects upon which information is given are the following: The bonded indebtedness of the United States at the close of the civil war and the changes in the debt which have taken place down to the present time, the different kinds of money in the United States, coinage, with full tables showing the coinage of the United States and the principal nations of the world, and the production of the precious metals by countries; summary of monetary events since 1786, tables showing circulation of money in the United States since 1800; national bank currency explained, the seigniorage, the revenue and expenditures of the government since 1875, the effects of the different tariff acts since 1890.

A large amount of other important information is given and the circular also contains the full text of the financial bill of March 14, 1900.

APPEALED TO SUPREME COURT

Constitutional Question in Neeley Extradition Case Will Be Decided by Highest Tribunal.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—John D. Lindsay, counsel for Charles F. W. Neeley, who is charged with embezzlement of Cuban postal funds and against whom there have been proceedings for extradition to Cuba, said today that he had made application to Judge Wallace of the United States circuit court, located at Albany, yesterday, for a writ of habeas corpus for Neeley. This, Mr. Lindsay said, Judge Wallace had denied.

"Judge Wallace did, however," said Mr. Lindsay, "allow an appeal to the United States supreme court and issued an order directing the marshal to keep Neeley here pending the appeal."

Mr. Lindsay explained that the supreme court will not meet until next October, when he said the appeal will be argued. "We have simply raised a constitutional question," said Mr. Lindsay.

THAYER ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 10.—At its general assembly the National Association of Manufacturers elected Nathaniel Thayer of Boston, a director in the road, had been elected vice president.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Showers; Cooler; Variable Winds.

Table with 2 columns: Temperature at Omaha yesterday, Hour, Deg., and Forecast for today, Hour, Deg.

ROBERTS IN GOOD HEALTH

Reports Circulated by Boer Leaders to Mislead Followers Have no Basis of Fact.

PRETORIA, Aug. 10.—It is said that Lord Methuen has arrested General De Wet's march.

All the Boers in the field credit a rumor circulated by their leaders that Lord Roberts is dying. Roberts, however, is now in excellent health, is displaying wonderful energy and rides daily long distances.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Pretoria plot is the theme of many editorials this morning. All the papers decry the idea of treating the Boers too leniently.

NOT READY TO SURRENDER

President Kruger Declares that Boers British War Will Last Long Time Yet.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—According to the London Standard correspondent of the Daily Express, President Kruger, in the course of an interview last Wednesday, said the report that he intended to surrender was without foundation. He declared that the war would last a long time yet.

"A Boer bulletin," continues the correspondent, "announces 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 Bethrath, Beviliersdorp and Frankfort."

Boer reports by way of Lourenco Marques lately have proved worthy of little credence.

DEPORT BOER SYMPATHIZERS

Considered Dangerous to Allow Them to Remain Longer in Pretoria.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—A special dispatch from Pretoria says the Boer plot to make a prisoner of Lord Roberts and shoot all the British officers possible, discovered Thursday, included the recapture of Pretoria and the shooting of Lord Roberts and to induce the burghers to rise en masse. A number of suspected accomplices of the conspirators have been conducted across the border.

The British authorities are awakening to the danger of allowing the Boer sympathizers to remain in Pretoria and the issue of passage to the burghers has been stopped.

STEYN SAID TO BE DEAD

President Kruger's Right Bowler According to London Advice Has Committed Suicide.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—It is persistently rumored in Lourenco Marques, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express, that Mr. Steyn has committed suicide.

STRIKERS AFTER FRANCHISE

Articles of Incorporation Filed by Labor Union Street Railway Company at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the recorder's office this afternoon by the Labor Union Street Railway Company at St. Louis.

The articles of incorporation are as follows: President, Thomas B. Edwards; vice president, Simeon O. Collins; secretary, William D. Benson; treasurer, John A. Roof.

Messrs. Edwards, Benson and Collins constitute the committee recently appointed by the local street railway union to organize a corporation to enter the street railway business in this city.

This committee has engaged James Craig as its attorney and adviser. Mr. Craig comes from St. Joseph, Mo. He was at one time president of the Union Railway company of that city and has organized a number of Missouri corporations.

Mr. Craig says there will not be the slightest difficulty in building the road if a franchise can be secured. But while Mr. Craig declares all the necessary money is already pledged to the enterprise, he will not tell by whom.

He says that the company was organized by the street railway union, and that it is a "starter," and that it will likely be increased to a larger figure in the near future. A mass meeting of the local union labor organizations will be held Saturday night, at which the new street railway project will be formally launched.

POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE

One More Effort to Get Iron Workers and Manufacturers to an Agreement.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 10.—The wage differences between the Republic Iron and Steel company, the American Tinplate company and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers are approaching a climax and unless a settlement is reached very shortly an extensive strike is probable. Another effort to effect a final adjustment of the scales, it is said, will be made next week, when a call will be issued for a general convention, to be held in Detroit.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS

At New York—Arrived—Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg; Arrived—Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg; Arrived—Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg.

SHOOT ONE, BURN ONE

How a Sheriff's posse Disposed of the Union Pacific Bandits.

TRAIN ROBBERS HUNTED TO THEIR DEATH

Relentless Pursuit of the Murderous Thugs Ends in Killing Both.

PITCHED BATTLE ON A KANSAS RANCH

Three of the Deputies Wounded During the Fusillade Following Discovery.

ONE ROBBER PIERCED BY A BULLET

His Comrade Intrenches Himself in the House, Which is Fired by the Pursuers and Burned with its Contents.

GOODLAND, Kas., Aug. 10.—The two men who hold up a Union Pacific train near Hugo, Colo., last Sunday morning, killing W. J. Fay, a passenger, and robbing the passengers, were killed today by a sheriff's posse at the Bartholomew ranch three miles east of this place. The robbers were located in the house this morning and the posse lined up and cut off escape. After a fight between the posse and the pursuing men in which J. B. Riggs and George Collins, deputies, were shot, one of the robbers jumped from a window and sought to escape, but was shot to death. The posse then lay siege to the house, and the remaining robber stood guard with a rifle, and finally succeeded in setting fire to the building, which was destroyed with its occupant. The robbers have not been identified.

Three miles east of here this morning the two men were surrounded by local officers. A fierce exchange of shots ensued, during which one of the robbers was killed, J. B. Riggs, owner of the Commercial hotel of Goodland, and George Collins, members of the posse, were severely wounded and taken to the hospital. The remaining robber, whose name was unknown, was severely wounded.

The second robber barricaded himself in the house, with the posse, numbering fifty men, all armed with rifles, surrounding it.

How They Were Located.

The second robber is barricaded in the house, with the posse, numbering fifty men, all armed with Winchester, surrounding it.

The Union Pacific's Kansas City and Denver train was robbed between Limon Junction and Hugo, ninety miles east of Denver, last Sunday morning, many relieved of their money and valuables and W. J. Fay, an aged man, who rode with them, was one of the robbers. The robbers dropped off the train at Hugo and escaped. On Wednesday, it is learned, they went to the ranch of D. E. Bartholomew, three miles out of Goodland and 100 miles overland from Hugo, where they were located for a few days. They said they did not want to go to town, as their clothes were ragged. Last night a boy whom they sent into Goodland to get the Denver papers reported the circumstances. From the boy's description, the posse was believed to be the Hugo robbers. This morning a posse, consisting of Sheriff Walker, J. B. Riggs, George Collins, E. C. Biddison and several others, all heavily armed with rifles and revolvers, went over to the Bartholomew place, where they were met by a volley of shots from inside.

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