

LAST STAND OF LEGATIONS

Message Received by Minister Seems to Confirm Worst Fears.

DATE OF PEKIN ATTACK GIVEN AS SEVENTH

Chinese Official at Shan Tung Sends Telegram That Legations and Imperial Government Are Both in Grave Danger.

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for the latter, the minister declares that they are entirely satisfied with their conditions in this country and could not be persuaded to return to China to give aid to any element opposed to Americans.

The government here has taken note of the efforts made in some quarters to stir up an agitation against the peaceful Chinese in the United States. It feels it is imperatively necessary to use the entire resources of the government to suppress any movement that would jeopardize their safety.

Secretary Long is an exception to those who now are almost firmly convinced that the worst has happened in Pekin. He still has hopes that the ministers may be alive and that he almost certainly believes that the worst has happened in Pekin.

Reports Are Discouraging. LONDON, July 16.—3:30 a. m.—It seems impossible to entertain any longer the faint hope as to the fate of the Europeans in Pekin.

Finally came the news from Shanghai that the legations had been shelled and the Chinese killed. All the dates probably refer to a much earlier period, but the presumption is that the successive dispatches give an outline of what happened.

General Gazelee and staff, with a force of Punjab Infantry, arrived yesterday at Hong Kong and proceeded for Taku. The French consul at Shanghai, at a reception Saturday, made an impassioned speech. He said: "The history of the world can show no parallel to such a situation and the amount of crime that the thought of which makes us shudder, has been perpetrated, then it is our desire that swift and summary punishment shall fall upon the perfidious nation which committed it."

THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS TERRORIZED. TRADE IS PARALYZED.

The speedy restoration of order and retribution are duties pressing upon all civilized powers. The consequences of delay will be disastrous. Not only are foreign lives and property placed in jeopardy, but the loss of influence will be incalculable.

"I can assert positively that the Chinese authorities had the news from Pekin a week ago and that Sheng knew all the foreigners in Pekin were dead when he asked the American consul to cable the Washington proposal to deliver the foreigners in safety at Tien Tsin on condition that the allies would suspend their operations to the north of Pekin."

Story of the Struggle. The correspondent adds certain details of the attack on the legations. According to his story, the members of the legations made daily sorties, sometimes by night, and so successfully as to compel the Chinese to retreat from the immediate vicinity.

Legation Guards Make Sortie. BRUSSELS, July 15.—The minister of foreign affairs, M. De Pauw, has received an official dispatch from Shanghai, dated Saturday, July 14, saying: "Sheng (Tao-tai of Shanghai) communicates the following from the governor of Shan Tung, dated July 7: 'The European troops defending the legations made a sortie, killing 200 soldiers of General Tung Puh Shiang. The Boxers have been unable to take the legations, but the situation is very critical.' Sheng considers the situation dangerous."

Shellings Native Tien Tsin (Continued from First Page.) A large trade in the south of China, estimated at \$2,000,000 yearly, consequently possible disruption in China is causing uneasiness at Lisbon and Oporto. The Portuguese consul at Shanghai cables today that the massacre of the foreigners in Pekin is certain, according to Chinese official news.

HOLLAND WILLING TO WAIT Queen Wilhelmina's Government Does Not Intend to Take the Initiative. (Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) THE HAGUE, July 15.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Dutch interest in China is about \$1,000,000 annually. This government will not take the initiative in suggesting a form of reparation, but will accept the scheme adopted by the great powers.

DASH BY FOREIGN FORCES Chinese Fortified Arsenal Outside Tien Tsin Captured by Allies. (Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.) TIEN Tsin, July 9, via Chefoo, July 12, via Shanghai, July 15.—A force of 2,000 foreign soldiers—Japanese, British and Russian—captured the Chinese fortified arsenal, two miles west of the city, making a night attack. They charged under a heavy fire, following the Chinese and killing 400.

TROOPS HEADED FOR CHINA Two Battalions of Fighting Fourteenth and Daggett's Battery Are Enroute. MANILA, July 14.—Two battalions of the Fourteenth infantry and Daggett's battery of the Fifth artillery will leave for China tomorrow by the transports Indiana, Flintshire and Wyfield. The expedition, which will join the Ninth infantry, will carry 500 pounds of ammunition to a man and a reserve of 1,000,000, together with medical subsistence, stores and clothing for 5,000 men for three months. It will take also two seven-inch mortars and two six-inch howitzers, with ammuniton. The hospital ship Relief is going to China.

SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY

Facts and Fancies Gleaned by The Bee's Ubiquitous Reporters.

SURE TO BE A WEDDING SOME DAY

German Woman Tells About a "Lecture Choke"—Purpose of an Emergency Hospital—apt. Hodgson's Experience of Chinese Coast.

The corner of Thirteenth and Farnam streets would not recommend itself as a trying place for lovers under ordinary circumstances, but on Friday evening while the wheels of commerce were rattling at a rapid pace, a young man and woman, the greatest question in the life of a woman was asked and only the rumble of a heavy dray prevented the answer being heard by the passing crowd.

He was a working man and his dress different from that of the young man of the shops in the vicinity. As they approached the corner he was saying: "Mamie, this cannot last forever. I cannot rest while I am in no such doubt. It is a little word either way—you or no—and I have to stop it."

She raised her eyes in protest and her lips moved. The person standing near heard her say something of parental objections which would not be overcome and the young man, who was standing in the shadow of a telephone pole held an earnest conversation. When they separated the light in the young man's eyes and the buoyancy of his step, as well as her flushed face and downcast eyes, were fair warning that some day there will be wedding whether parents are willing or not.

Love Story of "Uncle Bill" Strong, the Oldenbuckler. The kind, wrinkled face of William F. Strong will be seen no more of man, reports the Chicago Chronicle. The oldest hotel keeper and clerk in the United States is dead and his passing was like the "last leaf from the tree of life." Strong was 100 years old. There are persons who said he had crossed the century line by four years, but the subject of anecdote would not admit this. He said he was 100 years old or thereabouts, and then he would lean upon his cane and laugh at men who wondered at his age.

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Seek Vengeance on Chinese Celestial Laundryman in Kansas City Is Attacked by an Angry Mob. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 15.—Increased at the Boxer murders, a crowd of men and boys gathered about the laundry of Ah Sing, a Chinese laundryman, and started a demonstration. The crowd caused Sing to call on the police for protection. The mob threw stones into the laundry and calling out to the inmates that they would kill them. A squad of policemen dispersed the crowd quickly and at the instigation of Sing, who is one of the most intelligent of the several hundred Chinese in Kansas City, guarded the place during the night.

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LONDON, July 15.—Alexandria palace presented a brilliant spectacle tonight when 10,000 members of the Society of Christian Endeavorers opened the world's convention. The night session was preceded by an afternoon organ recital and an immense chorus consisting of families of Christian Endeavorers accompanied by one of the greatest organs in all England.

On one side of the royal arms in the center of the Alexandria hall was placed a magnificent picture of the capital at Washington, while the opposite wall was decorated with the houses of parliament. From walls and roof hung the United States and the British flags, interwoven with graceful festoons.

Meanwhile at Albert hall, miles away, similar scenes were being enacted, the immense auditorium vibrating with the music of Christian Endeavor choruses. Many addresses were made by Americans. The wonderful system of organization at the White City and at Alexandria hall have already astonished the British people.

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KANSAS MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Former Lieutenant Governor of State Tires of Long Sickness.

EMPIRIA, Kan., July 15.—C. V. Eskridge, editor of the Emporia Republican and former lieutenant governor of Kansas, died at his home in this city today from the effect of a self-inflicted wound. Before he died Mr. Eskridge had been ill for several months and he knew he could not live and that he was tired of life.

Only an Accident. The reported dynamiting of one of the Emporia buildings at Fourteenth and Harney early this morning proved upon investigation to be nothing more serious than the accidental discharge of the night watchman's revolver. The watchman, who was bending over a safe to see if it was properly locked when his revolver fell from his holster and went off.

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CRUEL TO HIS HORSE AGAIN

Andrew Newman, a Peddler, Shamefully Misses the Animal He Drives.

Andrew Newman, a peddler of fruits and vegetables, was arrested Friday by Officer Woolridge and charged with cruelty to animals, violating the peddler's ordinance and resisting an officer. Even this multiplicity of charges failed to secure a conviction, for Judge Gordon was not in telling him "that's all, that's all." After being released about 9 o'clock yesterday morning Newman drove his old lame horse all over the city disposing of a wagonload of produce.

Attention, Engles. A special meeting will be held by Aerie No. 33, Fraternal Order of Engles, at their lodge room in the Continental block, July 15, 7:30 p. m. on account of Brother John Murphy's death. All Engles are expected to attend. By order of HARRY MELROSE, Secretary. J. A. TUTTLE, D. G. P.

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