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## HE WILL TALK PEACE

Chincas Emperor Appoints Viceroy to Negotiate With Powers.

#### AMICABLE SETTLEMENT DESIRED

State Department Receives Official Notice Force Arrives.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.-Indications of the desire of China for a peaceful settlement of her present difficulties have been displayed for several days. Official notice of that desire was presented to the department of state today. It was in the form of an edict promulgated by the emperor. Kwang Hsu, appointing Earl Li Hun Chang envoy pienipotentiary to negotiate with the powers for "an immediate cessation of hostilities" pending a solution of the questions which have grown out of the anti-foreign uprising in the empire. Earl Li is to act directly for the emperor and a fair inference is that whatever the terms of the settlement they reach with the powers will be approved by the imperial government.

During the day only one dispatch that was made public reached any of the government departments from China. A belated message from Minister Conger was transmitted to the War department by General Chaffee, It expressed simply his ability to "hold on" until General Chaffee should come to his relief. All the power of this government will be exerted to get that relief to him and the other imprisoned legationers at the earliest possible moment

Minister Wu was an early caller at the Department of State. Shortly after 9 o'clock he made an engagement with Acting Secretary of State Adee to meet him at the department at 10:30. Promptly at that hour the minister's automobile stopped at the west entrance to the department and Minister Wu alighted and hurried to Secretary Adee's office. He presented to Mr. Adee a copy of the imperial edict which he had received last night. It had been transmitted to him in the Chinese foreign office cipher and its translation and preparation for submission to the Department of State

had occupied much of the night. Minister Wu remained with Secrehour discussing the terms of the edict and the probable response to it of this government. Shortly before Minister Wu left the department Secretary of War Root met the two diplomats, but remained only long enough to receive a copy of the edict and discuss it briefly with the Chinese minister.

Minister Wu thought the edict presented a means of peaceful adjustment of the present trouble and that the request of the Chinese government for a cessation of hostilities pending peace negotiations was entirely reasonable.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the conference the text of the edict, together with the details of the call of Minister Wu, was communicated to President McKinley at Canton. The president's reply has not yet been received. Later in the day Acting Secretary Adee made public the text of the edict in the following statement: "The Department of State makes pointing Viceroy Li Hung Chang as

envoy plenipotentiary to propose a cesmorning at 10:00 o'clock: "An imperial edict forwarded by

the privy council at Pekin, under date of the 14th day of the seventh moon (August 8), to Governor Yuan at Tsi Nan, Shan Tung, who transmitted it on the 17th day of the same moon (August 11) to the taotal at Shangby whom it was transmitted to Minister Wu, who received it on the night of the same day (August 11).

#### EACH SUPPLIED WITH POISON.

Kamer Provides Soldiers With Means to

Escape Chinese Torture. LONDON, Aug. 13.-(New York World Cablegram.)-The story is printed here that the kaiser followed his "no quarter" speech by presenting to every German soldier bound for Chine a ring, in which was a tiny phial centaining poison, his soldiers being goods for shipment, although not acthus furnished with the means of coca-ing Chinese tortures.

Trouble Spreading South.

LONDON, Aug. 13.-A special dis-patch from Shanghai, dated Friday. August 10, says the British consul general, replying to protests of Chinese merchants against the landing of troops, explains that this is merely a fact that the disturbances north are | Missouri river last Tuesday, was found spreading and coming daily nearer to late Wednesday afternoon near Bel-Shanghai.

in a state of revolt and that at Tal body has been identified by the boy's Tung there has been rioting, the tele- father. graph station being burned.

Fifteen Killed Outright.

us the Lehigh & New England rail- deposited the proceeds in the bank. read crashing into an omnibus concomibus and only three escaped.

#### CHINA MUST TOE THE MARK.

Reply to Edict Authorizing Li Hung Chang as Peace Envoy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- Tonight Secretary Adee, by direction of President McKinley, presented to Minister Wu for transmission to his government the reply of the United States to the imperial edict appointing Li Hung Chang envoy negotiate with the pow ers for a cessation of hostilities. The text of the reply will not be made pubto that Effect - Conger Expresses lie before tomorrow. In effect, how-Ability to "Hold On" Until Relief ever, it is a reiteration of the demands previously made by the United States upon China coupled with a vigorous intimation that no negotiations will be entered into until the Chinese government shall have complied with those

This government, inspired by a determination to effect the rescue of the legationers besieged in Pekin, takes advantage of its reply to the edict to reiterate the demands previously made upon China. These demands first were made by the president on June 23, and subsequently were reiterated substantial.y by Acting Secretary Adee by direction of the president. The demands for the protection of the ministers, for free communication between them and the restoration of order in China form the keynote of the memorandum forwarded to the imperial government by the president today. The iteration and reiteration of the demands must, it is thought, make it perfectly clear to the Chinese government that no negotiations will se entered on until a square-toed compliance to them be made. Should the demands be acceded to, there will be, it is said, no obstacle in the way of the settlement of questions arising.

Mr. Wu declined tonight to make any statement, bearing on the reply, not even being willing to say whether or not it had been received by him. Copies have been sent to the United States representatives in Europe and Japan to be submitted to the governments at which they are stationed, also to the European diplomats resident here for their information.

#### Punishing the Ashantis.

BAKWAI, Aug. 13 .- A column of 700 men under Colonel Burroughs has returned from Kumassie, having reinforced and re-rationed the fort for two months. The force attacked and destroyed three old stockades after a desperate bayonet charge, in which four officers and thirty-four native soldiers were wounded and three killed. On the night of August 7 Colonel Burroughs attacked an Ashanti war camp near Kumassie, surprising the camp and bayoneting the enemy. Great numbers were slain.

#### The Shah Buys Wheels.

PARIS, Aug. 13.-The shah of Persia has taken great interest in the bicycle secret police of Paris, an escort of which always attends him when he leaves his palace, decided to establish a similar service in his own country. He has bought sixty wheels and engaged three instructors and two repairers, and as soon as he returns a bicycle bodyguard fifty strong will be organized. After competitive trials the shah purchased all his wheels from an American bicycle company.

#### Nashville Goes to New Chwang.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- The Navy department has been informed that the gunboat Nashville has sailed from public the following imperial edict, ap- | Taku for New Chwang. The district around New Chwang is reported to be in a disturbed condition and there sation of hostile demonstrations and have been several reports of collisions negotiate with the powers, a copy of between the Russians and Chinese in which was delivered by Mr. Wu to the | the vicinity. While the department acting secretary of state this (Sunday) here has no information on the subject it is presumed that Admiral Remey ordered the Nashville to this point as a precautionary measure.

#### Americans Capture a Command.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.-The war department received the following dispatch containing the cheering news from General MacArthur, at Manila: 'Adjutant General, Washington: Colonel Brassa, August 12, in the vicinity of Tayug, surrendered command to Colonel Freman, Twenty-fourth United States infantry, consisting of one major, six captains, six lieutenants, 169 men, 100 rifles and fifty bolos.'

#### Ruling in Shipper's Favor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13 .- The comptroller of the treasury today holds that a common carrier holding companied by a bill of lading or shipping directions, is liable for their loss as such common carrier, provided there was no unreasonable delay by the shipper in furnishing the necessary shipping directions.

#### Body Found.

OMAHA, Aug. 13.-The body of James Gilligan, the 9-year-old boy, who precautionary measure, due to the was drowned while bathing in the levue, nearly ten miles below the point He also says Klang Su is already where he was last seen alive. The

#### Stockmen Killed by Robbers.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 13 .- Joseph SLATINGTON, Pa., Aug. 13.-Fif | Philpot and Frank Craig, wealthy tern persons were matantly killed and stockmen, were fatally abot three cloven others, several of whom will miles from Nodaway, Mo., by two men 6.5, were seriously injured tonight in who attempted to rob them. The a grade crossing accident three miles stockmen had just returned from selleast of this city by a passenger train ing cattle at St. Joseph. They had

taining twenty-five persons. All the Prof. C. C. Plehm of San Francisco among his captains is Francis O. Fredand and injured persons were in the has been appointed to take a census mont, son of General John C. Free of the Philippines.

# BUT ONE THING TO DO

Minister Conger Cables That Allies Must Hurry On to Pekin.

#### THE MINISTERS REFUSE TO LEAVE

Escort of Natives Proposed by Tsung Li Yamen Means Certain Death-Receipt of Latest Message Determines Government to Rush Relief to the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-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 besieged garrison at Pekin. 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 but to press steadily onward in the mission or relief.

The Conger dispatch was received before daylight at the Chinese legation, and as soon as the official day opened Minister Wu presented it to Acting Secretary Adee at the State department. It was in the American cipher and was found to be an identical note with that of the other minis ers at Pekin (that of the French minister, M. Pinchon, already having appeared), with the additional fact that seven members of the American guard had been killed and fifteen wounded.

The text of the message, as given out by the State department, is as

follows: "Secretary of St'ate, Washington: The tsung li yamen states to the diplomatic body that the various foreign governments have repeatedly asked through the respective Chinese ministers that we immediately depart from Pekin under suitable escort. The yamen asks us to fix a date for our departure and to make the necessary arrangements to do so. Our reply is governments and that in the absence of such instructions we cannot quit our post. I must inform you that in order to insure our safe departure foreign troops only can safely escort us and they must be in sufficient force to safely guard 800 foreigners, including 200 women and children, as well as 3,000 native Christians, who cannot be abandoned to certain massacre. We cannot accept a Chinese escort under any circumstances. All my colleagues are dispatching the foregoing to their respective governments. Of the American marines seven have been killed and sixteen wounded, among the latter Captain Myers and Dr. Lippitt, who are getting along well. "CONGER."

The discussion with the president led to 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 and it was forwarded 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 further increase the jeopardy of our minister in case the Chinese have access 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 Pekin under Chinese escort, when the minister has advised Washington that this would mean certain death.

#### COAL FOUND IN ALASKA.

Discovery of Extensive Beds Near White Horse.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 11 .- The steamer Cutch from Skagway brought seventy passengers and also news of discoveries of extensive coal beds near the Dalton trail and not far from White Horse. The discovery was made by Gustav Gervals, who has been interested in coal mining at Lethbridge. News of his find had been received just as the Cutch was sailing, but to substantiate his statements Gervais had brought in with him a small sack of his samples.

#### Waldersee's Chief of Staff.

BERLIN, Aug. 11.-The evening papers here announce that Major General von Schwartzkop, commander of the First East Asiatic brigade, has been appointed Field Marshal von Waldersee's chief of staff.

The Official Reichsanzelger this evening publishes a proclamation forbidding the export of arms or war material to China or ports adjeent to Chinese territory.

#### Second Infantry for China. CINCINNATI Aug. 11.-The Second.

infantry received orders today to leave Fort Thomas, Ky., next Wednesday for San Francisco for services in China.

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#### THE DEMAND OF UNCLE SAM.

Adoe's Message to Tsung Li Yamen For-

warded in Clpher to Pekin. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-Following is the demand by the United States on the imperial government of China

transmitted to Minister Wu: "We are availing ourselves of the opportunity offered by the imperial edict of the 5th of August allowing to the foreign ministers free communication with their respective governments in cipher and have sent a communication to Minister Conger, to which we await

"We are already advised by him in a brief dispatch received August 7 that imperial troops are firing daily upon the ministers in Pekin. We demand the immediate cessation of hostile attacks by imperial troops upon the legations and urge the exercise of every power and energy of the imperial government for the protection of the legations and all foreigners therein.

"We are also advised by the same dispatch from Minister Conger that, in his opinion, for the foreign ministers to leave Pekin as proposed in the edict of August 2 would be certain death. In view of the fact that the imperial troops are now firing upon the legations, and in view of the doubt expressed by the imperial government in its edict of August 2, as to its power to restore order and secure absolute safety in Pekin, it is evident that this apprehension is well founded, for if your government cannot protect our minister in Pekin, it will presumptively be unable to protect upon a journey from Pekin to the coast.

We therefore urge upon the imperial government that it shall adopt the course suggested in the third clause of the letter of the president to his majesty, the emperor of China, of July 23, 1900, and enter into communication with the relief expedition so that cooperation may be secured between them for the liberation of the legations, the protection of foreigners and the restoration of order. Such action on the part of the imperial government would be a satisfactory demonstration of its friendliness and desire to attain these

ends. ALVEY A. ADEE, 'Acting Secretary, Department State. "Washington, August 9, 1899."

#### THEY ARE ALL RIGHT.

American Demands Upon China Approved by Minister Wu.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 .- Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, said tonight that he had received information from Chithat we seek instructions, from our | na that eight foreign legations in Pekin had sent cipher messages to their respective governments. This was permitted in accordance with the imperial edict of the imperial government, allowing all the foreign ministers free communication with their respective governments in cipher.

A cipher telegram intended for the Spanish government was inadvertently sent to Minister Wu here, who, discovering the mistake, immediately had it transmitted to Madrid. The fact that the legations are being allowed to send cipher dispatches to their home offices shows, in Mr. Wu's opinion, that his government is living up to the imperial edict permitting the ministers to have free communication with their governments. Mr. Wu says the consuls' cipher dispatches, which also were reported as having been held up, have

been forwarded. Mr. Wu tonight sent to his government the memorandum addressed to hin by Acting Secretary Adee and demanding the immediate cessation of hostile attacks by imperial troops upon | dition. the legations and urging the imperial government to enter into communication with the relief expedition for the liberation of the legation. The minister accompanied it with an explanatory statement, in which he gave the reasons why, in his opinion, a compliance with the representations of the United States would be for the best interests of all. He expects it will take several legations and the protection of foreigndays for the memorandum to reach the imperial authorities.

The latest message sent to Mr. Conhim on Tuesday afternoon was filed for transmission last night. State department officials estimate that, allowing for the interruption of telegraphic communication, the time required in deciphering the message and in form ing a reply, at least five days will clapse before an answer is received.

#### Germans Eager to Fight.

BERLIN, Aug. 10.-The number of volunteers from the army reserves who have signified their willingness to go to China is said to be 120,000. From this number it is understood that a corps of not exceeding 20,000 will be formed. A portion of the corps will leave within a fortnight. or as soon as the cabinet meeting called for tomorrow shall have given consent to the project.

#### More Armenian Massacres.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 19 .- Advices received from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, say that 200 men, women and children have been massacred in the Armenian village of Spaghank, in the district of Sassun, by troops and Kurds under All Pasha, the commandant of Bitlis. He is also said to have ordered the village to be burned.

#### New Professor for Iowa.

LAPORTE, Ind., Aug. 10 .- Prof. John E. Kutsenga, of Holland, Mick., a graduate of Hope College, has accepted the chair of English at the Western Classical Academy at Orange City, Iowa. Prof. Kuisenga is widely known in tue edbeational circles of the Dutch Reformed church.

No More Dilly-Dallying on the Part of the United States.

### DEMANDS DISPATCHED TO PEKIN

All of the Conditions Set Forth Must Be Met-Our Government Tired of Palavering-China Must Now Show Her

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- The Chinese situation is considered very grave by the authorities in Washington. The receipt of a message from Minister Conger last night, which indicated a continuation of the fighting upon the legations and the Chinese government's insistence that the ministers should leave Pekin, which Mr. Conger considered would mean certain death, brought matters to an acute stage.

All day the cabinet officers who are in town have been consulting with each other and the president has been communicated with by telegraph and over the long distance telephone. Secretary Root held two conferences with Attorney General Griggs and several with Acting Secretary of State Adee and their views were communicated to the president. ... a result of this communication, it was announced officially at the close of the day that a message to the imperial government at Pekin had been delivered to Minister Wu for

transmission to his government. The text of the message was prepared by Acting Secretary of State Adee and Secretary Root and in its final form was made known to the president in a talk conducted by Mr. Root over the White House long distance telephone. It was then stated definitely that the authorities of this government would not make public the text of this latest communication to China until Minister Wu had had an opportunity to forward it to his government. The chief officials of the government were unwilling to outline in any definite manner the contents of the message, although it was generally accepted that the language of the communication was emphatic and to the point.

The state department sent a cipher cable message to Minister Conger, responsive to his message made public ast night, and intended to test the assertions of the Chinese edict that free

communication would be allowed. The message sent to the Chinese government through Mr. Wu, according to the best information obtainable, informs that government that the removal of restrictions upon communications with our minister, evidenced both by the receipt of Mr. Conger's message and the transmission of the edict, is very gratifying, but is not in entire accordance with the original demands of the president in his reply to the appeal for mediation. The president in his original communication to the emperor of China laid down three conditions precedent to any action looking to negotiations for the settlement of the difficulties between China and the powers. These conditions, in the president's own words, were as fol-

"I most solemnly urge upon your majesty's government to give public assurance whether the foreign ministers are alive, and if so, in what con-

lows:

"To put the representatives of the powers in immediate and free communication with their respective governments and to remove all danger to their lives and property.

"To place the imperial authorities of China with the relief expedition so that cooperation may be secured between them for the liberation of the ers by the restoration of order."

These three demands were practically reiterated in the dispatch which ger in response to that received from Secretary Hay sent to Consul General Goodnew at Shanghai on August 1 for submission to Earl Li Hung Chang. The authorities consider that the opening of communication with Minister Conger, therefore, only partially complies with the president's demands. With the legations still under fire, the Chinese government cannot be said to have removed "all dangers to their lives and liberty," and, repreover, so far as known here, the imperial authorities of China have made no efforts to communicate and cooperate with the relief expedition.

#### BLACK FAG STARTS NORTH.

Reports from Cauton Indicate Departure of Chinese Troops.

HONG KONG, Aug. 9 .- Two detachments of Indian troops here have been notified to prepare to proceed to shang-

About 2,000 Black Flags left Canton today, ostensibly bound for Pekin, It is reported at Canton that the French intend to clear the Chikese craft from the creek surrounding the artificial island of Sha Mien and Canton. The Chinese protest against such action as calculated to cause disturbances,

Road to Fekin Now Open CHE FOO, Aug. 9 .- During the engagement on Friday, which preceded the occupation of Peitsang by the allies, the Russians lost 500 killed and the British fifty. The Germans and

Japanese also lost heavily. The road to Pekin la supposed to be

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#### RUSSINS LEAD IN LOOTING.

Men from Tien Tsin Tell Stories of Muscovite Barbarity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8 .- Among the refugees from China who returned on the Logan were the wife of Prof. C. D. Tenney of the Imperial university at Tien Tsin and her children. They were among those who took refuge in Gordon hall during the bombardment and escaped uninjured. She and her husband had been together in China for eighteen years. Prof. Tenney is now accompanying the allied forces on the march to Pekin as an interpreter.

Prof. C. D. Clifford and his wife also came home. They bring with them a baby girl who was born in Tien Tsin on May 13. Mrs. Clifford is the daughter of Dr. Robert Coltman, who came home on the Coptic last week. Prof. Clifford was connected with the Imperial university.

Miss Lillie M. Tahr of Lincoln City, Ind., who spent two years in Tien Tsin, had three narrow escapes from the savage Boxers. She found safety with many others in Gordon hall. During the siege and when out one day she was struck by a fragment of a threeinch shell. On two other occasions she was shot at by riflemen, but was not

The two children of United States Consul Ragsdale, who have returned to their home in this state, tell stories of similar experiences of others who lived through the perilous times in Tien

The tales of Russian brutality are confirmed by Rev. Frank Hayes, a Methodist missionary. He thinks the present troubles will be ended within

Many of the refugees from Tien Tsin escaped with only the clothing on their backs. Among those who had lost everything are Henry Smith and wife, an English couple. Smith was a broker at Tien Tsin and had a fine

house in the British concession. Prof. O. D. Clifford of the Imperial university of Tien Tsin, who was one of the last to leave the besieged city, says: "Looting by the allied forces began as soon as they got the upper hand. The Russians led in this and went to extremes. They are naturally cruel and, expecting no mercy, they showed none. I was an eyewitness to eight cold-blooded murders by them. The victims were old and infirm Chinese. The kussians stole everything in sight, looting the houses in the settlement as the Chinese would have

done." Rev. Horace W. Houlding, a missionary whose labors were in South Chi Li province, between Ho Nan and Shan Tung, escaped with seventy-five others from Pei Tai Ho, the seaside resort north of Taku, on the British war

ship Humber. Mrs. H. H. Montelle, whose husband is a turfman at Tien Tsin, with Mrs. Frank F. Davis of Philadelphia passed through a trying experience during the bombardment and fighting at Tien Tsin and took advantage of the first apportunity to leave the place.

Head Money for the Chinese.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 .- A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Shanghai says: Colonel Meade of the marine corps has received by native courier a message wrapped in pigskin, signed by Minister Conger, as follows: "Help at once if at all. Besieged in British legation. No government Pekin except military chiefs, who are de-

termined on destruction of foregners." The Shanghai correspondent also says that in the papers of the viceroy at Tien Tsin was found a receipt for 100 taels paid to the Boxers for the supposed head of Major Waller of the United States marines, who was thought to have been killed at the first battle of Tien Tsin."

They Worked Many Iowans.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 8 .- At the instance of the local police, W. O. Cochrane and Mrs. M. Keller, claiming to hall from Chicago, were arrested today at Davenport on the charge of swindling nearly fifty Cedar Rapids people in the amount of \$3. The couple claimed to be representing a Chicago book concern, an advertising agency. They gave their victims contracts to distribute advertising at \$1.00 per day, but demanded \$3 cash deposit. The suckers were plenty. The officers are confident the pair will go to the penitentiary.

Manitoba Wheat.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 7 .- A Winnipeg. Man., special to the Dispatch says: The government crop bulletin issued this afternoon places the total wheat yield in Manitoba at 11,000,000 bushels. Winds and drought destroyed 348,819 acres of wheat. The yield of wheat is estimated at seven and one-half bush-

Seige Battery for China.

FORT RILEY, Kan., Aug. 8 .- Battery O, with its seven-inch slege guns, the largest in the army, and 175 men. were started for San Francisco during the night on hurry orders from Washington to proceed to China. The guns, with the new carriages just received, alone filled four cars. Two trains were necessary to carry the entire bat-

Thought to Be Train Robber.

DENVER, Aug. 7 .- A special to the News from Hugo, Colo., says: "Frederick Merrick was arrested in Elbert county today and brought to Hugo at i o'clock on auspicion of being one of the Union Pacific train robbers. A posse is after another man thought to be Merrick's partner and is expected to return some time tonight.