

# READY TO DROP CHINA

State Department Losing Faith in Information Furnished by Wu.

## CIPHER DISPATCH NOW DOUBTED

British Government Calls Attention to Several Suspicious Circumstances — U. S. Refuses to Make Conger's Safe Return Matter for Diplomatic Barter.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Unless some authentic assurance as to the condition of the Americans in Peking reaches the state department within a day or two the administration is likely to abandon whatever faith it has manifested thus far in the truthfulness of Chinese information. The Chinese minister is confident that within that time there will be news from Peking of a character to satisfy the most skeptical as to its accuracy, and he is also confident that this will be good news from the American point of view.

The state department is still receptive, though looking with growing coldness on the numerous edicts and telegrams which are coming from China, all without bringing any news. The contributions of the day were from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai and Consul Fowler at Chefoo. So much of their messages as was given out for publication related to the welfare of certain missionaries who have been made the subject of inquiry by relatives in this country. The cables mangled these messages and there is reason to doubt the value of the information attempted to be conveyed through them.

Mr. Goodnow also had something to say about the political situation and it is believed that that part of his message was not of an encouraging character. At any rate, it was withheld from the press, probably because the government did not deem it prudent to give it the stamp of apparent approval.

Ever since the receipt at Tien Tsin of the autograph message from Minister Conger, dated July 4, state department officials have had grave doubts as to the authenticity of the cipher message attributed to him, dated Peking, July 18. There have been many little side lights on this message that afford ground for suspicion, and now the British authorities have added their quota to the growing distrust of things Chinese. It seems that Mr. Warren, at present acting as British consul at Shanghai, has been told by Sheng, the famous Chinese director of posts and telegraphs, that Yuan, the governor of Shan Tung, told him (Sheng) that a messenger had passed through to the United States from Mr. Conger on the 18th of July telling of the condition at the British legation. This cipher dispatch was "faked" by Chinese officials.

It is pointed out at the state department, however, that there are plausible explanations of this curious fact which tend to show the authenticity of the cipher dispatch. Secretary Hay cabled to Mr. Conger that he might have implicit faith in the person who brought the dispatch to him. Mr. Conger, therefore, had a right to trust the man, and possibly he told him in a general way the contents of the dispatch in case the messenger should be obliged to destroy it to insure his own safety. However that may be, the British government has thought Mr. Warren's report worth the attention of our government.

The state department officials do not like the European criticism more or less attributing to our government a lack of whole-heartedness in the effort to get to Peking. They point to what the American troops and marines have already done, to the loss of life and limbs suffered by them and to the repeated urgings of the American officials at every point looking to a forward movement at Peking.

## UNABLE TO GET A REPLY.

Acknowledges Inability to Communicate With Italian Minister.

HONG KONG, July 28.—In order to test the Chinese assurances regarding the safety of the legations, the Italian consul here yesterday requested the acting viceroy of Canton to communicate with the Italian minister, Marquis Calvago Raggi, and to obtain a reply from him concerning a matter known only to the minister and the consul.

Today the acting viceroy reported that it was impossible for him to accede to the request.

## Miss Anthony to Negroes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 28.—At the negro race conference today a paper from Susan B. Anthony was read by the secretary. She appealed to the conference to petition congress for a sixteenth amendment which shall prohibit the disfranchisement of citizens on account of sex and declares the condition of negro women was not improved by emancipation. The negro women will organize a national society to send out literature instructing negro women how to improve homes.

## Rebels Defeat Prince Ching.

BERLIN, July 28.—A dispatch received here today, dated Tien Tsin, Tuesday, July 24, says: "A messenger who left Peking Sunday, July 15, brought today to the customs office here news that Prince Ching's soldiers had been fighting Prince Tung's troops and had been defeated. The foreigners were defending themselves in the northern cathedral near the Forbidden City."

## Nice Point Brought Up.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The state department has another novel extradition case on hand growing out of the peculiar international status of Cuba. Louis Darrell committed a murder in Cuba and made his escape from the island. He was traced to Portuguese East Africa, and the state department today was notified that the Portuguese authorities had him under arrest and detention at the town of Beira, awaiting the arrival of officers from Cuba to take him into custody. Portugal has no extradition treaty with the United States.

## RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Some Rules Adopted that Are Likely to Improve the Service.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Postmaster General Emory Smith has issued an order carrying into effect recommendations made by the rural free delivery superintendents, who have been in session here several days. The order, which applies to all rural free delivery service in the country, follows:

First—It is ordered that, beginning August 1, the drop letter, or 1-cent rate of postage, will not apply within rural free delivery limits. The 2-cent per ounce rate will be exacted within such delivery on all first-class matter except postal cards.

Second—That the introduction of rural free delivery will not increase or otherwise modify the present rate of postage on second-class matter.

Third—That the rural free delivery carriers will not bring to the post-office mail matter collected by them, which may be delivered on their routes before completing their trips.

Fourth—That stamps on mail matter collected by rural free delivery carriers, including those on matter delivered en route as named in section 3, will be cancelled by them and reported to the postmaster, who will derive the benefit of the cancellation if the office is fourth-class.

Fifth—That until suitable rubber cancelling stamps can be supplied by the department, free delivery carriers will cancel the stamps with the indelible pencils furnished them for use in registered letters.

## STILL MATTER OF SURMISE.

As to Date of Probable Advance of Allies on Peking.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—It is said tonight that the cablegram received by the navy department today from Admiral Remy contained no statement as to when the forward movement of the allied armies on Peking was to be made. In a measure this was a disappointment to the officials, who dread delay in a united advance for the relief of the legations. Admiral Remy has just been on a visit to Tien Tsin, where he went to make an examination into the conditions existing there and, presumably, to gather what information he could as to the future intentions of the allies. For this reason it was expected that he would be able to give some indication of the probable time the forward movement on Peking would begin.

According to the naval authorities, Admiral Remy's dispatch gave no information of the present strength of the foreign troops now ready to begin the campaign, although it is not thought here that they are numerous enough to force their way to the Chinese capital and successfully encounter the opposition which it is feared will be met on the way there.

## Fear for Their Children.

DES MOINES, July 27.—W. H. Bron of Rosehill, Ia., and his family have given up the safety of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, who are missionaries for the Christian church in China. Both of the young people graduated from Drake university, Des Moines, a year ago. A letter from them, dated June 18, is the last word received. At that time they were starting from Kuling to Shanghai. The Boxes were inciting the people to kill all foreigners, and the missionaries, numbering about sixty Americans, were badly frightened.

## Are Azala Reported Alive.

TOKIO, July 24.—A message received here from Shanghai yesterday makes the following assertions: Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Shan Tung, has received a letter from Peking, dated July 18, declaring that a legation courier was captured by the Chinese guards on July 13 and that thereupon General Yung Lu petitioned the throne to employ the courier as a messenger to communicate with the ministers. This was carried out and a reply was received that the ministers were well and unanimous in favoring the restoration of peace.

## Confagration at Nome.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 27.—A special to the Times says: "Cape Nome was treated to a great conflagration early in this month. Miles and miles of tundra were burned over and many native homes destroyed."

"The fire began close to the eastern suburbs of Nome and swept the country from the outer edge of the sand beach to the foot of the hills and far below Cape Nome, so that the surface looks like a vast prairie that has been burned over."

## Agent Falls to Return.

SYRACUSE, Neb., July 26.—Dr. Turb Hill put an agent on the road for the scale of his scalp invigorator. The agent hired a team from McFarland's livery stable, left it in Johnson county, appropriated all the sales, forgot to pay his bills, and Turb says if he gets hold of him he will need several bottles of his invigorator for his own use. McFarland got back from Johnson county with his team.

## Valdemar Brothers to Hang.

PHOENIX, A. T., July 27.—This afternoon Acting Governor Akers issued an answer to the request of the Texas officials for clemency in the case of Valdemar brothers, refusing to grant a commutation of sentence to hang August 10, at Tombstone.

## Commissioner Rockhill's Departure.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Special Commissioner Rockhill will leave Washington Saturday with Mrs. Rockhill for San Francisco, stopping a day or two at Chicago en route. This will enable him to reach San Francisco in time to take the Japanese liner America Maru, which sails for Yokohama and Nagasaki on August 2. If Secretary Hay returns to Washington today, as is expected, Mr. Rockhill will have a final conference with him before leaving for China. He has received the fullest instructions from the president already.

# AS TO THE MINISTERS

Latest Message From Conger Throws no Light on the Situation.

## WASHINGTON OFFICIALS MYSTIFIED

Reason for Believing Two Communications Are About of Same Date—Takes Reiterates Safety of Foreigners—China's Appeals for Mediation.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The receipt at Tien Tsin of an undoubtedly genuine and autographic message from Minister Conger has done nothing to dissipate the doubt as to the situation at Peking. The message, which was forwarded by the naval officers at Tien sin, Taku and Chee Foo, has indeed served only to deepen the mystery. The message comes from Captain Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn, and is as follows:

"CHEE FOO, July 24.—Navigation Bureau, Washington: Written message, signed Conger, dated July 4, received Tien Tsin, 21st, says: 'Been besieged two weeks. British legation. Grave danger general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling legation daily. Relief soon if at all. City without government except by Chinese army. Determined massacre all foreigners Peking. Entry relief forces into city probably be hotly contested.'"

"THOMAS."

The official conclusion remains unchanged, of course, but it is admitted that a careful scrutiny of the autograph message in comparison with the famous cipher message from Minister Conger admits of the belief that the two messages were written by Mr. Conger at about the same time. The situation at the British legation is represented to be the same in each case, and as Mr. Conger declares that relief must come quickly, if at all, there is ground for the supposition that conditions could not long have remained unchanged in such a crisis. The assumption that this reasoning is correct involves the further conclusion that Mr. Conger's cipher message, if genuine, was related as of the 18th of July, two weeks later than the date of actual writing and, of course, if related at all, that was done by Chinese officials.

On the other hand, and in support of the state department position, came today a message from another of the great Chinese viceroys, Tak, at Canton, he who took charge after Li Hung Chang's departure. This also affirmed solemnly the safety of the legations and coming from so many different sources and from such important Chinese officials, these dispatches do claim attention. A pessimistic view of them, however, attributes to them all a common origin, namely, some one high Chinese personage at Peking. It is noted that Tak's assurance brings the ministers one day further towards ultimate rescue than has any preceding message, the fact that it allows only three days to cover the transmission over the great distance between Peking and Canton has attracted attention here and appears to demand explanation if the message is to be accepted as of genuine origin.

"It was not known to the state department until the publication of the fact in the news dispatches that the French government also had been addressed by the Chinese government in the effort to secure mediation. It now appears that still other powers were addressed in a similar strain. It is known that Great Britain and Germany and probably Russia have received such message. The language is not the same, but the animating idea is."

## WARRING AGAINST WOMEN.

Charge Made Against British Methods in South Africa.

BERLIN, July 26.—The German press complains of what one paper calls "the growing brutalization of the South African war." Prof. von Rohland, in the Deutsche Juristenzeitung deprecates the "wounds which England's procedure against the Boers has made in the world's sense of humanitarian war as expressed at the Hague conference."

A number of papers assert that England is warring now even against the wives of the Boers.

## Dispose of First Rumor.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The message from Minister Conger, which came over the wires from Captain Thomas this morning, was the first communication of unquestionable authenticity which has been received from the American minister at Peking since his urgent appeal for help of July 12. It establishes clearly the fact that the American minister and probably the other legationaries were alive on July 4, though in sore straits. Therefore, it completely and finally disposes of the first stories that were published from Shanghai of the massacre of July 27.

## Floorman Dies at Nome.

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 26.—A letter from Cape Nome states that Robert Floorman died there of pneumonia and his body has been buried at Seattle, temporarily. Floorman is probably the best known mining man in the west. He came to it in 1876, promoted half a dozen big mining companies, the largest being the sale of the Florence mine in the Galena district, to St. Paul parties. He spent thousands of dollars in building up this city.

## Cattle Plague in South Dakota.

YANKTON, S. D., July 26.—A peculiar and deadly disease has recently broken out in the cattle herds near Pakwana. During the last two weeks J. R. Sanborn of the Carpenter ranch has lost twenty-eight head and other herds have suffered to a less extent. The animal will be suddenly attacked and usually does not live to exceed ten minutes. Drs. Henry Shipley of Sheldon, Ia., one of the state veterinarians, and S. M. Smith, a veterinarian of Mitchell, have visited the affected district and made examinations to determine the nature of the disease.

## WILLING TO ACT FOR PEACE.

President Ready to Act for China if Stated Conditions Are Met.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The following letter from the president of the United States to the emperor of China was made public by the State department yesterday. It is in answer to a cablegram received by Minister Wu on July 20, 1900, from the taotai of Shanghai, dated July 19, 1900. It was at once communicated to the president at Canton, O., and the following is his reply:

"The president of the United States to the emperor of China, Greeting: I have received your majesty's message of the 19th of July, and am glad to know that your majesty recognizes the fact that the government of the United States desire of China nothing but what is just and equitable. The purpose for which we landed troops in China was the rescue of our legation from grave danger and the protection of the lives and property of Americans who were sojourning in China in the enjoyment of rights allowed them by treaty and international law. The same purposes are publicly declared by all the powers which have landed military forces in your majesty's empire."

"1. I am to infer from your majesty's letter that the malefactors who have disturbed the peace of China, who have murdered the minister of Germany and a member of the Japanese legation, and who now hold besieged in Peking those foreign diplomatists who still survive, have not only not received any favor or encouragement from your majesty, but are actually in rebellion against the imperial authority. If this be the case, I most solemnly urge upon your majesty's government to give public assurance whether the foreign ministers are alive, and, if so, in what condition."

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

"3. To place the imperial authorities of China in communication with the relief expedition, that co-operation may be secured between them for the liberation of the legationaries, the protection of foreigners and the restoration of order."

If these objects are accomplished it is the belief of this government that no obstacles will be found to exist on the part of the powers to an amicable settlement of all the questions arising out of the recent troubles and the friendly good offices of this government will, with the assent of the other powers, be cheerfully placed at your majesty's disposition for that purpose. WILLIAM M'KINLEY, July 23, 1900. By the President, JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

## ESCORT FOR THE MINISTERS.

Chinese Government is to Send Them All to Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Chinese minister received a dispatch this morning from Sheng, the director of railroads and telegraphs at Shanghai, stating that the foreign ministers are to be sent from Peking to Tien Tsin under escort; also that the imperial government has not only been protecting them, but has supplied them with food.

## MINISTER PINCHON ALIVE.

Li Hung Chang Hears This and Makes It Public.

PARIS, July 25.—M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul at Shanghai, dated July 23, which says: "Li Hung Chang just assured me that M. Pinchon (French minister to China) is living and he has agreed to transmit to him a message from me requesting a reply within five days."

## China Soldiers Get Domestic Rates.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The post-office department will issue an order extending the privilege of domestic rates of postage to all United States soldiers serving in China. This privilege is accorded to our soldiers in the Philippines and Cuba and imposes on the mails sent by the soldiers to the United States or sent to them from points within the United States, only the ordinary domestic rates charged on mails circulating within this country.

## More Money for the War.

LONDON, July 25.—The supplementary estimates, necessitated by the prolongation of the war in South Africa, amount to £11,500,000, making a total of £34,500,000 voted for this purpose, and bringing the total army estimates up to £76,309,163.

## Curtis Declines the Place.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Ex-Representative George M. Curtis of Iowa has declined the office of first assistant postmaster general. Postmaster General Smith said after the close of office hours today that the office had not been offered to anyone else.

## Waterpout in Kansas.

SOLOMON, Kan., July 25.—A waterpout flooded the town at an early hour this morning, over six inches of water falling. Cellars and lower floors were flooded and railroad culverts were washed out.

## Peace Reigns in Venezuela.

CARACAS, July 25.—President Castro has officially proclaimed the re-establishment of peace throughout the republic of Venezuela. All political prisoners have been set free.

## Turns a Deaf Ear to Appeal.

BERLIN, July 25.—Count Von Buelow, minister of foreign affairs, made reply to the appeal of the emperor of China for German mediation between the powers and the Chinese government. In substance Count Von Buelow said he would not submit the telegram of the Peking government to the emperor so long as the fate of the legationaries and other foreigners in Peking were not ascertained and as long as the Chinese government had not atoned for the murder of the German minister at Peking, Baron von Kettler.

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