

BUT ONE THING TO DO

Minister Conger Cables That Allies Must Hurry On to Peking.

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 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 but to press steadily onward in the mission of 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 ministers at Peking (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 State, 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 Peking 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 that we seek instructions from our 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."

"CONGRER." 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 Peking 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 Gervais, 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.

Walderees' 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 Walderees' chief of staff.

Second Infantry for China.

NCINNATI, Aug. 11.—The Second Infantry received orders today to leave Fort Thomas, Ky., next Wednesday for San Francisco for services in China.

Colonel Corliss in command and among his captains is Francis G. Fremont, son of General John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder."

To Land Troops at Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The navy department received a cablegram from Shanghai which, it is understood, gives notice of the intention of Admiral Seymour to land troops there for the defense of the city. The Shanghai newspapers, according to the cable, while acquiescing in the landing of British troops, deprecate the idea that England's example should be followed by the powers. The United States now has two war ships at Shanghai to safeguard American interests.

THE DEMAND OF UNCLE SAM.

Adee's Message to Tsung Li Yamen Forwarded in Cipher to Peking.

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 an answer."

"We are already advised by him in a brief dispatch received August 7 that imperial troops are firing daily upon the ministers in Peking. 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 Peking 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 Peking, it is evident that this apprehension is well founded, for if your government cannot protect our minister in Peking, it will presumptively be unable to protect upon a journey from Peking 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 co-operation 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 China that eight foreign legations in Peking 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 him by Acting Secretary Adee and demanding the immediate cessation of hostile attacks by imperial troops upon 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 days for the memorandum to reach the imperial authorities.

The latest message sent to Mr. Conger in response to that received from him 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 forming a reply, at least five days will elapse 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. 10.—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 Ali 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. Kuisenga, of Holland, Mich., 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 the educational circles of the Dutch Reformed church.

Insane Father Kills His Son.

CHURUBUSCO, Ind., Aug. 10.—During a fit of temporary insanity Sal Bear, who was lying at the point of death from illness, sprang from his bed today, seized a shotgun and killed his son Isaac. The son was attending his father.

Yellow Fever Cured by Serum.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Aug. 10.—The most severe cases of yellow fever here being treated with Dr. Bellinzaghi's serum seem to improve wonderfully and patients are quickly relieved of black vomit.

ULTIMATUM TO CHINA

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

DEMANDS DISPATCHED TO PEKING

All of the Conditions Set Forth Must Be Met—Our Government Tired of Palaver—China Must Now Show Her Hand.

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 Peking, 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. As a result of this communication, it was announced officially at the close of the day that a message to the imperial government at Peking 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 last 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 follows:

"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."

"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 legations and the protection of foreigners by the restoration of order."

These three demands were practically reiterated in the dispatch which Secretary Hay sent to Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai on August 1 for submission to Earl Li Hing 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, moreover, so far as known here, the imperial authorities of China have made no efforts to communicate and cooperate with the relief expedition.

BLACK FLAG STARTS NORTH.

Reports from Canton Indicate Departure of Chinese Troops.

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

About 2,000 Black Flags left Canton today, ostensibly bound for Peking. It is reported at Canton that the French intend to clear the Chinese 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 Peking Now Open.

CHE FOO, Aug. 9.—During the engagement on Friday, which preceded the occupation of Feitsang by the allies, the Russians lost 500 killed and the British fifty. The Germans and Japanese also lost heavily. The road to Peking is supposed to be open.

Remarkable Strike of Ore.

LEAD, S. D., Aug. 9.—There is a general excitement here over a remarkable strike of free milling ore that has been made in the past few hours by the Homestake company in the excavation being made for the new 1,000-ton cyanide plant. A vertical thirty feet wide has been found cutting across the foundation of the new plant on the south end. The average value of the ore is about the same as the Homestake ore. The management of the company will undoubtedly alter the plans of the cyanide plant.

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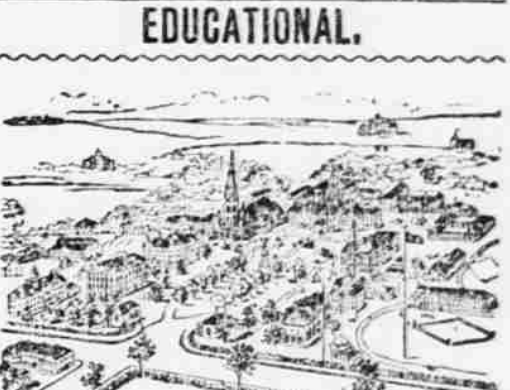
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