

The Reply To Earl Li

State Department at Washington Has Issued the Chinese Correspondence.

Viceroy Suggests That Ministers Having Been Rescued, Hostilities Should Cease.

Before Negotiations Open, China Must Show Its Ability to Restore Order.

(Associated Press.) London, Aug. 23.—Foreign consults at Shanghai, not having received from Pe-kin later than August 17th, fear the Chinese troops are operating along the rear of the allies and cutting off their communication.

An attempted uprising at Hankow is causing uneasiness.

Twenty-seven war ships have assembled at Shanghai and Woo Sung, their crews numbering 7,000 men.

The German government's reply to Li Hung Chang's peace negotiation proposal is that "owing to the lack of any properly accredited authority on the Chinese side" the government of Germany cannot enter into negotiations.

United States Reply. Washington, Aug. 23.—The state department this morning made public the following Chinese correspondence: "August 20th and 22nd, 1900.—Handed to Mr. Adee by Mr. Yu August 20th, 1900 a.m."

A cablegram dated August 19th from Viceroy Li Hung Chang was transmitted by the Chinese minister in London and received by Minister Wu on the night of the same day.

"It was the declaration of all ministers of foreign affairs of the great powers that the expedition of the allied powers was solely for the rescue of the ministers in Peking. Now the allied troops having entered Peking and found all the ministers safe it seems proper that hostilities should at once cease and that negotiations commence. I therefore request the United States government to appoint an envoy with power to appoint the minister now in Peking for the purpose, as he is acquainted with affairs between Chinese and foreigners and to inform me if the conference will take place in Peking. Please request the secretary of state to lay the matter before His Excellency the President early reply."

"The Boxer rebels in Peking have been dispersed. There will be no more fighting. Further military operations on the part of the powers are greatly to be deplored. Besides urging cessation of hostilities, please confer with the secretary of state upon the subject of the withdrawal of troops and the appointment of a plenipotentiary to negotiate a settlement of all questions so as to preserve peace. I await early reply."

"While conditions set forth in the memorandum delivered to the Chinese minister on August 21st has not been fulfilled, the powers having been compelled to rescue their ministers by force of arms, unaided by the Chinese government, still the government is ready to welcome any overtures for a truce and invite the powers to join when security is established in the Chinese capital and the Chinese government shows its ability and willingness to make on its part an effective suspension of hostilities there and elsewhere in China."

A Belated Dispatch. In Camp outside Peking, Aug. 14.—Regiments of Japanese, Americans, British and Russians reconnoitering along the four roads towards Peking yesterday were surprised by the Chinese on August 18th, miles from Peking before the east wall, whose towers are visible. The remainder of the army is arriving. There are no signs of the Chinese in front of Peking, but there was firing there last night. The Chinese are attacking the legations in a desperate effort to crush them before the city falls. The heat is intense and the soldiers suffered greatly.

The foregoing dispatch from the correspondent of the Associated Press at Peking was written and sent off hours earlier than his dispatch dated August 14th, received in New York on Tuesday night, giving the story of the rescue and the joyful reception of the relief column.

Movements of German Troops. Berlin, Aug. 23.—The German admiral at Taku wires under the date of August 20th: "Capt. Hecht reached Ma Tu this morning and proceeded. The advance was difficult owing to the force of the current and shallow water. The Madai battalion, after a very trying march, arrived at Yang Tsun on August 18th."

It is inferred from the foregoing that the telegraph lines between Taku and Hatu (near Tung Chow) are working. Soo Chong Threatened. London, Aug. 23.—A news agency dispatch from Shanghai, dated Wednesday,

August 22nd, says a consular report received from Soo Chow (six miles west of Shanghai) says the governor fears the city will be attacked by a force of salt smugglers.

Building Storehouses. Seattle, Wn., Aug. 23.—The United States government will build within the next four months three large storehouses at Taku, China, for the accommodation of a vast commissariat. Advertisements are now out for lumber.

Canadians Ill-Treated. Toronto, Aug. 23.—Dr. and Mrs. Leslie, Canadian missionaries, who were among the party ill-treated by Boxers while en route from Honan to Hankow, reached Toronto this morning, having arrived at San Francisco from the Orient last Friday. Dr. Leslie's tale of thrilling stories of their escape. At Hsu Tien the party were mobbed and robbed. Dr. Leslie was wounded in the right arm in 15 places. Rev. Mr. MacKenzie was cut on the head with a sword and struck with a stone, and Rev. Mr. Goforth was stoned and wounded in several places by swords. All the ladies' trinkets were wrecked from them.

Dr. Leslie vigorously denied that the trouble in China was due to the anti-Christian element. He declared it was due to the anti-foreign element. "There was no religious question raised in Honan," said Dr. Leslie, "but we were attacked because we were foreigners."

As to the outlook, Dr. Leslie said he could not predict what it would be, and that all depended upon the powers continuing united.

Renewed Activity

Gen. Buller's Force Is Now Approaching Headquarters of the Boers.

Baden-Powell Engaged Burghers—British Casualties 5 Killed, 7 Wounded.

Dewet Is Trying to Move Back to the Orange River Colony.

(Associated Press.) London, Aug. 23.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office as follows: "Pretoria, Aug. 22.—Buller's division marched to Van Wycks Vlei, 15 miles south of Belfast, yesterday. His casualties were 20."

"Paget reports from Hamman's Kraal that Baden-Powell engaged Grobler's rear guard all yesterday. Grobler was driven east of Pinaar's river. Baden-Powell has occupied the railway station of that name. During the fight Powell's advance and that of the enemy galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing Col. Spreckley and four men killed and seven wounded. They were at Oysterkuil this morning. Plummer and Bickman were closely pursuing them."

"It seems that Dewet, finding it hopeless to make his way eastward, has crossed the Magaliesberg with a few wounded, with the intention of returning to the Orange River colony. He is in a very different condition from that when he left Bethlehem with six or eight guns and 2,000 men. His guns have mostly been buried and his personal following cannot be more than 300."

"It is stated that Steyn, with a small bodyguard, has crossed Pinaar's river on his way to join Kruger at Machadoodorp."

"The Boers yesterday blew up a portion of the railway five miles north of Newcastle and damaged the rails at a point 30 miles south of Newcastle."

Returning Canadians. Montreal, Aug. 23.—Steamer Lake Ontario, with 123 invalided Canadians on board, passed inward at Fame Point at 12:30 today. She will probably reach Quebec to-morrow afternoon.

Telegram from Peking. New York, Aug. 23.—The Commercial Cable Company this morning issues the following notice: "We are advised that courier service from Tsi Nan Fu having been cancelled, messages for Peking can be forwarded via Chee Foo without extra charge, at sender's risk."

Plenty of Troops. Washington, Aug. 23.—Orders have been issued by the war department directing that the troops on the transport Meade, intended for Taku, China, be sent from Nagasaki, on arrival there, to Manila. The troops on the Meade consist of 27 officers and 1,020 men. The government is satisfied that there are now sufficient soldiers in China for the present purposes. Orders have been issued diverting all other transports now en route with troops for China from Nagasaki to Manila. About 4,000 troops will be affected.

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Wild Night At Akron

Mob of Over a Thousand Spent Hours Searching for Negro Prisoners

And Being Unsuccessful, Wrecked City Hall With Fire and Dynamite.

Several Persons Killed and Injured—Damage to Property Estimated at \$1,000,000

(Associated Press.) Akron, O., Aug. 23.—As a result of last night's rioting, two persons are dead, two more will die, sixteen others are more or less injured, and fully a million dollars in property has gone up in smoke.

The city hall is totally destroyed, the Columbia building, adjoining, is a heap of ashes, and several smaller frame buildings in the vicinity are in ruins.

The destruction was wrought by the wild mob, which held possession of the city from dark last night until almost dawn this morning, in frenzied endeavors to find a negro charged with assaulting a six-year-old girl.

It is estimated today that the mob was composed of not less than 1,500 men. Soldiers patrolled the streets today. The city is quiet.

Throughout yesterday afternoon there were ominous mutterings which grew more pronounced as night approached. The authorities did everything in their power to quiet public feeling. Nevertheless an immense crowd gathered around the jail where Louis Peck, the alleged negro rapist, was confined, and soon the cry "lynch the nigger" was on every tongue.

Meantime the authorities had quickly removed Peck and another negro, a prisoner from the jail, and sent them to Cleveland in the custody of two deputy sheriffs.

The mob, however, would not believe that the man had been taken away, and as the night wore on the fury of the rioters increased, eventually culminating in an assault shortly after midnight on the court house and later on the city hall. Immense charges of dynamite were placed under the city hall and county buildings, and then to complete its work the mob applied the torch.

Local Militia Helpless. Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Governor Nash has received the following appeal from the mayor of Akron to quell the rioting in the city: "Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—To His Excellency, Governor Nash, Columbus, Ohio: Serious riots. City building attacked by a mob of thousands. Three or four people killed and eight or ten wounded. I have ordered out both local companies. They are unable to cope with the situation. Please sanction what I have done by wire and order two companies from Cleveland or Canton to Akron at once. Call me by telephone if you desire further information. Wire me at once. (Signed) W. E. Young, Mayor."

Governor Nash came to the executive chamber in the capitol at 1:30 a.m. and immediately took steps to furnish Akron authorities with assistance. Col. Potter, of Fourth Ohio, was ordered to hold his regiment in readiness to move on short notice, while the colonel himself was summoned to a conference with the governor. Appeal for Aid. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 23.—At 1 o'clock this morning Mayor Young, of Akron, called up the central police station in this city by telephone and made an urgent appeal for help. He requested that a squad of police be sent from Cleveland to aid the Akron authorities. Mayor Young stated the situation was critical, as the mob had Akron policemen penned up in a building and were about to set fire to it. The mayor said that he called on the 8th Regiment, National Guard Co., in Akron, but the captain had refused to get his men out. At 2 a.m. Cleveland authorities were discussing the advisability of granting the request.

Rioters Use Dynamite. Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—At 10 o'clock this morning the officers who had been penned up in the city building for two hours escaped through the rear window and ran for their lives. The mob was still firing on the city building at that hour, and the militia had been called for.

One fireman, whose name is not known, had been shot, probably fatally. The mob was making its way westward, and as fast as hoses were stretched they were cut. At 1:45 a.m. dynamite was being used in front of the building. The first charge smashed the windows in the building and did much other damage.

All the prisoners had been released from the city prisons. The crowd threatened to destroy the city building with dynamite at 2:30 a.m. The mob ran away with automobile patrol wagon.

The city building is in ruins and it was feared the fire would spread to adjoining buildings. Later—3:30 a.m.—Everything was quiet about the ruins of the building at this hour. In the destruction of the building the city has lost all the records of the city clerk, and also the records of the city engineer. City Engineer Payne said the loss in his department would be a half million dollars. No militia are here yet. The automobile patrol wagon has been run into the canal.

Militia on Duty. Akron, O., Aug. 23.—With the approach of dawn the mob, which had possession of the city throughout the night, melted away and when the sun arose the streets presented their usual appearance. At 6 o'clock a company of the Eighth Ohio regiment arrived on a special train from Canton, and was at once marched to the scene of the rioting. They were placed on guard

around the building but found little to do. City Hall in Ruins. Akron, O., Aug. 23.—Thousands of people came here today to see the ruins of the buildings destroyed by the mob last night. The city hall has been totally ruined by dynamite and fire.

Guards are strung along the main street today to keep back the crowds of curiosity seekers. The excitement has calmed down and the people of Akron are ruefully contemplating the smoldering evidence of the wild fury of the mob. It is not likely there will be any further trouble.

Only the flame-scarred walls remain of the city hall, and great heaps of ashes mark the site of Columbia hall, which stood next to the city building. Groups of firemen are pouring water into the smoldering ruins.

Chief of Police Harrison is reported insane over the awful events of last night. When last seen Chief Harrison was driving rapidly toward the south.

Nine companies of the Fourth Regiment arrived at 9:20 o'clock. Mayor Young called a special meeting of the council for 10 o'clock.

Prisoners Removed. Cleveland, O., Aug. 23.—Louis Peck, the Akron rapist, who has been in the city since last night, is locked up in the county jail in this city. He was brought here from Akron early last night by a deputy sheriff, together with William Howard, another negro, who had been a prisoner in the Akron jail, charged with some minor misdemeanor.

Further Trouble Feared. Akron, O., Aug. 23.—It is reported that the mob has forced an entrance into a pottery in East Akron and secured a large quantity of dynamite, and that this will be thrown among the troops tonight. Officers commanding the troops say that any attempt to start a riot will be the signal for a charge by the militiamen. There are now 625 troops here.

SUICIDE IN TORONTO. Took His Life Because His Mother Refused to See Him. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Aug. 23.—"Come in and see me about 5 o'clock," said Thomas Stewart, a man of about 50 years of age, residing in the rear of Agnes street, yesterday afternoon, to a neighbor. Complying with the request, the neighbor visited the house and found Stewart dead on the floor with an empty laudanum bottle beside him.

Stewart was dissolute in his habits and had written to his mother in Peterboro that he would come and visit her, but she refused, hence Stewart's determination to end his life. He left a note which read: "You won't let me see you. Well, I have a two-ounce bottle of laudanum, and I'll soon be gone, and good riddance to you. Good-bye, old mother. I'm sorry to disgrace you."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to the capital today. La Patrie, in its Ottawa correspondence of yesterday, says: "A party who has arrived from the theatre of war said today to the correspondent of La Patrie that General Hutton has been treating the Canadians with a revolting brutality. Does this celebrated soldier think to vent upon our people the trouble he drew upon himself by his own conduct and the unseemliness of his procedure?"

PLUMBERS WILL STRIKE. Chicago, Aug. 21.—The Journeymen Plumbers' Union has ordered a general strike to take effect at once. The action was taken at a protracted meeting, when it was determined to put an end to the dilatory methods now being used, and bring an aggressive fight on the contractors.

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Little Liver Pills, which cure the nervous weakness, night sweats, etc.

SPAIN AND THE STATES. (Associated Press.) San Sebastian, Aug. 22.—The treaties between Spain and the United States regarding general rights, public and private relations, consular and maritime relations, and extradition of criminals have been signed. The commercial reciprocity treaty has not yet been negotiated.

CABINET MEETS ON SATURDAY. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Saturday will see the first of the full cabinet council since the session ended. In addition to ministers already here, the Premier, Sir R. Cartwright and Hon. W. Mulock will be back by then.

PRIZE FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Aug. 22.—An Evening Telegram London cable says the department of mines, British Columbia, has been awarded a grand prize by the Paris exposition.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING. (Associated Press.) Birmingham, Eng., Aug. 22.—Ethel, daughter of Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, was married today to Mr. Whitmore Richards, of London. Mr. Richards is a lawyer.

CHOLERA AT BOMBAY. (Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 22.—United States Consul Fee, at Bombay, reports to the state department that cholera is raging there.

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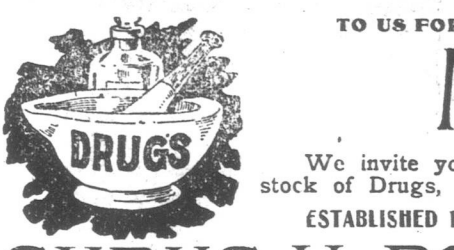
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Importation Of Song Birds

Discussed at the Meeting of Natural History Society Last Evening.

The Lieut.-Governor and Messrs. Anderson, Palmer, Hayward and Others Spoke.

At a largely attended meeting of the Natural History Society held last night a most interesting and valuable discussion was engaged in upon the proposed importation of song birds, when both sides of the question were ably dealt with.

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WRECKAGE OFF CAPE BEALE.

Cabin of Ship Cast Up at Southern End of the Island. "Cape Beale reported yesterday part of a ship's cabin afloat off there, painted white inside. No marks to identify it."

The above is a copy of a dispatch received by the Times this morning, but owing to the particulars being so meagre shipping men, to whom the message was shown, can not speculate any on the identity of the unfortunate craft. The information, however, is not taken to indicate a wreck, as the mere loss of a cabin would not cripple a vessel. The weather outside has also been extremely mild of late, and there have been no storms to create any alarm or uneasiness for shipping. Among the vessels which are now due are the Glenlochy from London, and the Clan Mackenzie from Yokohama. Six vessels of the British Columbia lumber fleet sailed during last month, the crafts being the German ship Emilie from Chemainus for United Kingdom; the American barkentine John Smith from New Westminster for Nagasaki; Tartar from Vancouver for Hongkong; American schooner Corona from Chemainus for Santa Rosalia; Norwegian bark Garibaldi from Moodyville for Callao; American schooner A. J. West from Cowichan for Santa Rosalia; and the American ship James Drummond from Chemainus for Sydney.

ALBERNI NOTES. W. Rockett is making good work with the bridge across the river; the bridge is the Howe's truss. The span is over 100 feet.

The Monitor wants more men at the mine. The annual road meeting was held here on Saturday, when the road bosses were elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Faber left Alberni for Southern California on Thursday. The Alberni school house is to be completed by the beginning of November. It is rumored in Alberni that the bar at the mouth of the Sumas river is to be dredged, the big tug Louise coming up for the purpose.

The 3 W's (English Can. Dev. Co.) is to be sold by public auction by the sheriff on August 22nd.</