

Not Yet Confirmed

No Official Message Received Regarding Arrival of Allies at Peking.

One Report Says Ministers and Friends Are With International Troops.

Relief Column Was Ten Miles From the Chinese Capital on Friday.

London, Aug. 16.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing yesterday, says the allies are reported to have reached Peking on Monday, adding: "Chinese official news confirms this statement but without details."

A Paris message reports this but the statement, especially as it emanates from China, must be accepted with considerable reserve. Other London morning papers are divided in opinion, some believing the allies must have already reached Peking, and others preferring to believe that the relief will not be accomplished until the end of the week.

Telegraphing from Yang Tsung, on August 16th, a Daily News correspondent says: "Sir Alfred Gaselee hopes to keep the enemy running and to follow him right into Peking."

Near Peking was occupied without firing a shot, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from that place, dated August 11th. "It is believed," the message adds, "that Generals Tung Fuh, Chang, Ma and Chung, are entreaching 40,000 strong at Tung Chau. The allies may avoid Tung Chau, pursuing the route northwest from Chang Kia Wan. Tung Chau appears to be about twelve miles from Peking."

A dispatch to the same paper from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says the officials profess to be willing to hand over the foreign ministers, their families and servants, but will not permit the departure of native Christians.

"The Russian government," continues this telegram, "has notified Li Hung Chang of its willingness to receive M. de Giers outside the walls of Peking, thus avoiding an entrance of the Russian forces."

This independent action is calculated to embarrass the other powers. Japan demands that General Yung Lu shall meet the allies outside the city gates and deliver the ministers and all the native Christians.

The Times has the following dispatch from Shanghai: "The victory has drawn the opposition to the league of British troops on condition that this does not entail the presence of a large force, but that instructions have been received from the British government that disembarkation is to await further orders. The fact is generally known that Great Britain is hesitating. The public, official and unofficial, is unanimously of the opinion that withdrawal at this stage would be deplorable and would produce the worst results."

Situation Improved.
London, Aug. 15.—Mr. W. St. John Broderick, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, speaking this evening at a Primrose League fete, said that the government was not without hope that the legations in Peking would shortly be relieved. He added that the government considered the situation more satisfactory than it was a few days ago.

Referring to the landing of British troops at Shanghai, Mr. Broderick said the government was prepared to take any necessary steps for the protection of British lives and interests, adding significantly: "We all know that we are determined to risk everything to put forward all our strength before allowing British interests to go down in any part of the world."

The appointment of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, Mr. Broderick said, was welcome, and he expressed the hope that it would strengthen the ties between England and Germany. Discussing the general situation in China, he declared there was every reason to hope that the viceroys in the Yangtze valley would sincerely throw their influence against insurrection.

Messages at Shanghai.
Washington, Aug. 15.—The tension on the Chinese situation was intense throughout the day, for it is appreciated by the officials that the crisis has reached an acute stage which cannot be continued many hours without bringing word of momentous importance.

One of the new developments to-day was the statement that messages are being received from Minister Conger which are not transmitted through any of the United States officials in China, or through the Chinese minister here, but direct to the state department. The messages come by way of Tsi Nan, and for this reason the statement cannot be definitely made that the dispatch sent by the government to Minister Conger were received by him. Nothing could be learned of the contents of the dispatches received, although it was said that there were quite a number from Minister Conger, some coming from the consular officers and General Chaffee, besides those which came direct.

It is expected that the German force now on its way to China will land in the vicinity of Lin Lu, which is directly east of Peking.

It was announced at the state and war departments that any communications from Minister Conger of the United States consuls concerning affairs in China would not be made public. It was explained that this was in no way a desire to keep from the public information of an important character, but was based solely on the fact that the crisis involved so many possibilities of extreme hazard to the 800 legationaries in Peking that the greatest caution must be observed against disclosures which would further imperil those in danger.

The actual developments of the day consisted of a Roman dispatch heretofore alluded to, and from Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai. The state department declined to make known the contents of the Goodnow dispatch. The cipher experts were busy with a dispatch from Consul Fowler at Shanghai, which was so unintelligible that it had to be returned to the telegraph company to be repeated. So far as could be deciphered, it appeared to repeat a message sent by Minister Conger to Fowler, telling the latter that the situation was growing more critical at Peking, and that the Chinese authorities were seeking to compel the legationaries to leave the city under Chinese escort.

Some of the Japanese officials believe that when the allies reach Tung Chow they will find the city deserted ahead of them, as it was recalled that these tactics of withdrawal had occurred in 1899, when the British-French expedition reached Tung Chow.

The message of the French minister at Peking, M. Pichon, to the French foreign office was at first regarded here as identical with the last Conger message, which the state department had not made public. But without disclosing the nature of the Conger message, the officials made sufficient comparison between the Pichon and Conger dispatches to show that they were not identical in language or general statement. On the contrary, it was clear that the minister was forwarding to his government his own advice on the situation, and that there had not been a consultation between the ministers before the two dispatches were forwarded.

Sailing of German Troops.
Berlin, Aug. 15.—The German government now admits that the advance upon Peking is well under way, having received official contradictory dispatches to-day. The foreign office is greatly astonished at the rapid advance of the international troops, but surmises that the Chinese will make one more desperate stand before the allies reach the capital.

This evening the Berlin papers contain a statement that Prince regent Hohenzollern, the imperial chancellor, is about to resign. As a matter of fact, he has taken hardly any share in Germany's warlike China policy, although under the terms of the constitution of the empire the chancellor is responsible to the nation in that connection.

After diligent enquiry the correspondent of the Associated Press is able to assert that Prince von Hohenlohe does not intend to resign in the near future. Several papers express dissatisfaction at what they call Emperor William's "personal regime" regarding China, and the "figheadism" of Hohenlohe. The Berliner Tageblatt says this condition of things injures the importance of the chancellor's office. All papers demand the summoning of the Reichstag in extra session.

The actual dates when the 7,500 men will leave Bremerhaven for China have now been fixed. Eight steamers will sail on August 31st, September 4th and September 7th, carrying also much artillery, including howitzers and shells.

Arrivals at Shanghai.
London, Aug. 15.—Telegrams received by the London Missionary Societies indicate that missionaries and other foreigners are arriving safely at Chinese treaty ports, some of them from places hundreds of miles in the interior. The Chinese, however, are hostile to the missionaries. More than one hundred foreigners have arrived at Shanghai. The heads of the mission believe that nearly all the missionaries are alive and are safe on the coast of China. The inland mission's chief anxiety is for their Shanxi missionaries, who are in the hands of the hostile province of Hunan. Mr. and Mrs. Glover have been robbed and arrested at Shanxi.

Reply to Macdonald.
London, Aug. 15.—The British foreign office replying to a late cipher dispatch from the British minister at Peking bids the British minister to be of good cheer and gives the progress made by the relief column.

The Chinese minister here communicated to the foreign office yesterday a cipher message from Sir Claude Macdonald dated August 10th. The situation in Peking was then unchanged.

London, Aug. 16.—The British government, by intelligent anticipation, believes the allied forces are now at Peking. No trustworthy message, either official or press, has been received.

As the allies were ten miles from Peking on August 10th, according to a dispatch received at Tokio, the military authorities here infer that the Chinese troops defending the capital were not going to fight again outside its walls.

The situation at Shanghai absorbs British attention. The Times to-day in its second edition, publishes a dispatch from Shanghai dated 15th, which says: "Admiral Seymour, through the consular general, has instructions that troops which are intended to land here shall proceed north. This will be done on August 16th, unless the order is countermanded in the interval by the foreign office. The final decision of the latter is awaited. The principal British banks and shipping firms have telegraphed to Lord Salisbury that the government's decision to send troops north will have a disastrous effect and urging the government to reconsider the matter. The foreign consuls are equally alive to the results of such action on the Chinese and are addressing an identical note to their governments with the object of inducing the British to 'land troops'."

France has 1,100 troops on board the transport Cochar, which arrived at Hongkong yesterday, conveyed by the French cruiser Friant. These troops, the French consul at Shanghai informed the other consuls, would be landed at Shanghai if the British persisted in landing the troops at that place.

A news agency dispatch from Shanghai, dated August 14th, represents the United States consul, Mr. John Goodnow, as joining with the French and German consuls in opposing the British plans.

The British foreign office declines to enter reasons for not landing troops at Shanghai, but the foreign office is credited with being unwilling to persist in any course not approved by the other powers.

Consuls Ask for Troops.
Berlin, Aug. 16.—A semi-official dispatch from Shanghai, dated Wednesday,

August 15th, says: "The foreign consuls, acting on a joint resolution, have sent to their respective governments the following telegram: 'If the Indian troops (British) are withdrawn from Wu Sung it will constitute a menace to the safety of Shanghai. These troops ought to be landed on the basis of international understanding. To ensure the adequate safety of Shanghai more troops ought to be landed immediately.'"

The Commander-in-Chief.
Berlin, Aug. 16.—An undated dispatch from Tien Tsin says the railroad between Tien Tsin and Pe Tsang has been restored, and that the Russians are repairing the line in the direction of Peking.

Twenty Miles From Peking.
London, Aug. 16.—A news agency dispatch from the seat of war reads as follows: "At the front, via Chee Foo, Aug. 14.—The Chinese retreat continues. They will not make a stand. We are only twenty miles from Peking. The entire force is straining every nerve to reach the capital before it is late."

Chinese Falling Back.
Tokio, Aug. 14.—A semi-official dispatch from Pung Chow, dated August 12th, says: "The Japanese troops captured Pung Chow on August 9th and are 10 miles from Peking. The Chinese seem to have retreated towards Peking. Last night arms and granary with great stores of rice were captured."

Entered on Monday.
New York, Aug. 16.—"I learn from a trustworthy Chinese source that the army of allies reached Peking on Monday," says the Chee Foo correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser in a cable dated Tuesday last. "I have reason to believe that the army forced an entrance and that envoys and friends are now safe with the Christian army."

Remedy's Dispatch.
Washington, Aug. 16.—The navy department has made public the following dispatch from Admiral Remedy: "Taku, Aug. 13.—Front unheard from since 11 o'clock. Last night the Chinese expressed a desire to furnish me authentic information. Late reports from Japanese sources say allies occupied Tung Chow on August 12th and would attack Peking to-day. (Signed) Remedy."

Ask For an Armistice.
Washington, Aug. 16.—The Chinese minister this morning received a belated cable from Minister Conger, in the American code, addressed to the state department. He delivered it to Secretary Acheson a few minutes after 9 o'clock. The department also received an appeal from Li Hung Chang, Chinese peace envoy, to have the allied army stop their advance at Tung Chow, at which place he says they will be met by high officials of the Chinese government, who will be empowered to negotiate an armistice.

Conger's Message.
Washington, Aug. 16.—The department of state gives out the following: "The department of state received late yesterday afternoon a cipher dispatch from Consul-General Goodnow, dated the same day, which on being deciphered was found to embody an undated message from Minister Conger, transmitted from Tsi Nan on August 15th. From internal evidence it would appear to have left Peking about the 8th or 9th inst. It is very brief, adding little to what already is known, which on being deciphered was found to embody an undated message from Minister Conger, transmitted from Tsi Nan on August 15th. From internal evidence it would appear to have left Peking about the 8th or 9th inst. It is very brief, adding little to what already is known, which on being deciphered was found to embody an undated message from Minister Conger, transmitted from Tsi Nan on August 15th. From internal evidence it would appear to have left Peking about the 8th or 9th inst. 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