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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

NOT ONE MISSING EXCEPT GERMAN MINISTER, SAYS SHENG

Foreign Legations May Be Sent Under Escort to Tien Tsin in the Hope That Military Operations Will Then Be Stopped.

Still the Story is Told That on the 4th only 400 Foreigners, Much Exhausted, Were Left Alive in Pekin—Messengers Caught Leaving Pekin Were Executed— Britain is Still in Doubt as to the Truth of Chinese News.

London, July 24.—(4 a.m.)—The Chinese Minister, Mr. Chih Chen Lo Feng Lu, has communicated to the press the following despatch from Sheng, Director-General of Chinese Railways and Telegraphs, and Consul of Shanghai, dated Shanghai, July 23: "Information from Pekin, dated July 18, says that the Tung Hsi Yamen deputed Wang Jui, an under secretary of the department, to see the Foreign Ministers, and he found everyone well without any missing, the German Minister excepted. "Gen. Yang Lu is going to memorialize the throne to send him under escort to Tien Tsin in the hope that the military operations will then be stopped. "Messengers were caught. The Daily Mail, telegraphing July 22, says: "A letter from a Chinese official in Shanghai has been received by a native functionary here containing the following passage: "At the beginning of the month the foreign missionaries made several attempts to send messages out of Pekin; but, thanks to the strict watch kept on the city, the bearers were all caught and executed. On the 4th only 400 foreigners, much exhausted, were left alive in Pekin; and one night when the big guns were incessantly fired, it was known that all the legations and the foreigners were indeed, although pretended telegrams to the contrary, safe."

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THE VICE-REGAL PROGRAM.

Lord and Lady Minto Will Look Over Most of the Districts in Western Canada.

WINNIPEG EXHIBITION OPENED. Great Crowds Attended—Northern Prairie Crop Report is Cheering in Tone.

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CHINESE ARE "FOXY BEGGARS," SAYS SIR WALTER HILLIER

British Diplomat, on the Way to China Via Canada, Has His Doubts About the Conger Message—Chinese May Have Stopped the Code, He Says.

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ROBERTS' LINES AGAIN CUT BY DEWETS' FORCE

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