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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1900.

Chinese Driven Back

They Attempted to Cut the Line of Communication at Tien Tsin.

The Allies in Pekin Have Destroyed the Residence of Prince Tuan.

Report From Shanghai Says the Empress Dowager Has Been Captured.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 24.-While the commanders of the allied forces are waiting for instructions from their governments as to what to do next, which in the present condition of telegraph service will probably take ten days to ascertain, the work of repairing the railroad beyond Yang Tsun is progressing slowly, and Conger, the transportation of supplies by boats on the Pèi river is improving.

A dispatch from Chee Foo, dated Thursday, August 23rd, says there has been fighting near Tien Tsin. The Chinese sought to cut the line of communication, but were driven back with small loss upon the part of the allied forces.

Official advices from Pekin, received at Tokio on August 23rd, say the allies burned Prince Tuan's residence.

According to a dispatch from Hongkong, dated August 24th, turbulent mobs are devastating portions of the provinces of Fu Kien and Kiang Su. It is added that a mandarin, with three hundred soldiers, left Amoy on August 21st to restore order. Japanese bluejackets were landed at

Amoy on August 23rd. Marines from the French cruiser Comet have cleared streets of Swatow,

and freed the besieged priests. A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai, dated Angust 23rd, says eight survivors of the 14 English missionaries who started together from Shansi have reached Hankow, after suffering

frightful barbarities. Will Not Withdraw Troops.

Washington, Aug. 24.-The question of withdrawal of the United States forces from Pekin to Tien Tsin or Taku has been seriously considered by the President and by his advisers, and a great deal of pressure has been brought to bear on the administration to take this step. After mature deliberation. however, it has been determined that the negotiations for the settlement of the questions growing out of the disturbances in China must take place in the Chinese capital and, that while these negotiations are pending and until they are completed, it will be necessary for the United States forces to remain in the Chinese capital. While it is recognized that a with drawal of forces from Pekin might be hailed with satisfaction in this country, it is said that the moral effect in China

would be interpreted as a retreat. Dispatches were received from Gen. Chaffee to-day, but only those giving casualty lists were made public. If any dispatch relating to the situation was re-

and upon the Chinese would be bad and

tion of affairs in China and would assist going on. in the maintenance of peace. The inof the foreign offices had received a tele- unwise to take the imperial palace. gram from two of the most powerful central viceroys stating that they intended

ly to the capture of Pekin. Reported Capture of Empress Dowager. New York, Aug. 24 -A cable to the into the sacred precincts. Tribune from London says it is reported be in Pekin with the allied forces.

Imperial City Surrounded.

Pekin, Aug. 16, via Shanghai, Aug. 23. The allied troops have surrounded the Imperial city and stationed sentinels at the gates. They refrain from entering pending instructions from their governments. Gen. Chaffee says the fighting s ended.

Japanese troops relieved Pei Tang thedral where 15 French nuns and 40 French soldiers have been isolated and sieged for two months. They found hat five had been killed.

ation grounds. Gen. Chaffee, the Britand Japanese generals and many civas were present at the interment.

grounds of the Temple of Heaven. The Chinese are supposed to have fled Tuan.

United States Troops Landed.

landed. Marines have gone to Tien Tsin. siege. Private Arthur A. Woods, marine corps. drowned on the night of 21st. (Signed)

Remey. Japanese Temple Burned. Washington, Aug. 24.-United States Consul Johnson, at Amoy, China, cables the state department, under date of to- Russians. day, that a mob burned the Japanese were landed to protect the Japanese officials and restore order.

German Naval Detachment. Berlin, Aug. 24.-An official dispatch from Tien Tsin, dated August 21st, says the German naval detachment arrived at Pekin on August 18th and that the marine battalion reach Ho Si Wu on

Native Christians Destitute. New York, Aug. 24 .- The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions received the following telegram from Minister Con-

"Pekin, Aug. 20 .- North China Christians surviving the slaughter are desti-Wherry, Hobart and Smith. (Signed)

native Christians of North China, who destitute and homeless. For their relief immediate help in the way of money is asked as a thank offering for the petition is sent conjointly by Missionaries Wherry, of the Presbyterian Board; Hobart, of the Methodist Board of Missions, and Smith, of the Congregational Mission, to the home boards of all the missions, and it is endorsed by Conger. In response to this appeal the Presbyterian, the Methodist and the other boards of foreign missions are about to issue a petition for money to be sent to the missionaries in the troubled sections.

Caring for Wounded, Washington, Aug. 24.-Surgeon-Gencommand of the hospital ship Relief:

"Taku, Aug. 23.-I have fifty wounded accommodations are excellent at Tien Tsin. Launches and boats from Relief | the view of further action. are bringing wounded from Tien Tsin.

Missionaries Home.

Montreal, Aug. 24.-Dr. and Mrs. Leslie, the two returned missionaries who were so cruelly ill-treated by Chinese while en route to Hankow from Honan, reached home this morning, Sale of Arm Prohibited.

Ottawa, Aug. 23 .- At the request of the Imperial authorities a proclamation is being prepared by the Dominion government prohibiting the sale, or in anyway the supply, of arms or munitions of war whatever to the Chinese in this

United States Cabinet Meet. Washington, Aug. 24.-The cabinet was in session to-day until nearly 2 o'clock. At its close the members were

It can be stated, however, that the United States government has so far received no official or well authenticated 21st the following report from Pekin: information that the Russian government has declared war on China, or that it is her immediate purpose to do so. An extra session of Congress, it was. stated on the authority of a member of the cabinet, is altogether improbable.

London, Aug. 24.—The Daily Mail publishes dispatches from the Chinese ceived it was sent to Secretary Root at capital, dated as late as August 17th, dethe White House, where the cabinet was claring a great fire was then raging in the imperial city. The Russian command-The first assurances reached here to- er has declined to accept the decision of day that the powerful Chinese viceroys the other generals not to violate the imwere disposed to accept the new condi- perial precincts and street fighting was

Gen. Chaffee, so it is asserted, mainformation came in a dispatch through tained the Chinese had been adequately diplomatic channels, and stated that one punished already, and that it would be

This explains the withdrawal of the Americans after breaking through the to give their best efforts to maintaining gate, as cabled by the special corresponquiet throughout the central portions of dent of the Associated Press. The Rus-China. This assurance came subsequent- sian general, however, maintained that his government had declared war against China and that therefore there was no reason to prevent him carrying hostilities

Judging from various, and in many in Shanghai, in Chinese circles, that the cases, contradictory dispatches that Empress Dowager and Prince Tuan have have reached Europe this morning from been captured. The Emperor is said to Pekin, the commanders eventually adopted a middle course, for a Reuter telegram asserts that sentries were placed to prevent looting. Hence it is presumed that the imperial buildings, although captur-

ed, will not be destroyed. The fires appear to be incendiary and to be caused by the Chinese themselves. All the dispatches point to the fact that, according to the latest news received from Pekin, the commanders were somewhat at sea regarding their future action, all awaiting instructions from

their governments. The foreign residents appear to mave Capt. Reilly, of battery F, 5th United Petersburg correspondent of the Daily States artillery, who was killed before Mail says the ministers will not leave Pe Imperial palace, was buried in the kin until negotiations for indemnity are under way.

Neither the commanders nor the diplomats were in communication with the The American troops are encamped in Chinese government on August 17th. They were then searching for Prince

Among the puzzling reports as to the whereabouts of the Empress Dowager, is Washington, Aug. 24.—The following one from St. Petersburg that she is in

The marines alluded to were Japanese. the disaffected districts.

> the fact that no dispatches have been re- wounded. The Japanese forces which ceived from Pekin since August 20th. now occupy the imperial palace have res-Other Shanghai reports locate Emperor cued foreign and native Christians from Kwang Su as under the protection of the their confinement." allies and the Dowager Empress as already captured by the Japanese. Gaselee Tells of Fighting.

London, Aug. 23.—Gen. Gaselee, com mander of the British forces at Pekin, has telegraphed the war office as fol-

"Pekin, Aug 15, (Wednesday, tute and homeless. Send immediate Chee Foo, Aug. 21, (Tuesday).-At a help, thank offering. Pekin rescued. conference August 12th it was agreed that the allies should concentrate within five miles of Pekin, August 14th, and the This is interpreted as meaning that the assault should begin August 15th.

"The attack, however, commenced have survived the slaughter, are now early in the morning of the 14th, and our troops had to make a forced march of 15 miles from Tung Chow, in the great heat. We were on the extreme left, and atrescue of the Christians in Pekin. The tacked the southeast gate of the Chinese city. There was practically no opposition, as we were not expected at that point. The Indian troops broke down and rushed the gate, and I entered with cavalry and guns.

"I then sent other cavalry and the Junjab infantry to the Temple of Heaven to secure our left flank and camping ground, and with the other corps rushed on towards the legations. "At 3 o'clock we got on the canal op-

posite the water gate, and were signalled from the wall held by the legaeral Sternberg received to-day the fol- tioners. I sent a portion of the staff and lowing from Major Perley, surgeon in 70 Indians, who rushed across the inmost dry moat and forded through the water gate without loss. We found all on the Relief. More coming. Hospital well in the legations. Macdonald immediately showed me the position, with

"In the meantime our field artillery I have everything needed. All are well had been brought to hombard the centre cared for. I will look after everything gate of the Tartar city, but a sortie by the report that the Japanese troops purthe Americans and Russians of the garrison along the wall anticipated the bombardment, and the gate fell into our hands. Two field guns were then brought into the legation, and the rest were sent back to the Temple of Heaven.

"At about 5 in the afternoon the Americans, under Gen. Chaffee, entered the legation, and then we moved on towards the centre gate of the city for the night. By nightfall we had 400 men in the lega-

"During the evening at the Temple of Heaven we were engaged, and after inflicting heavy losses we occupied the south gate of the Chinese city."

The Japs.

Washington, Aug. 23.-The Japanese legation to-day received the following more reticent than usual as to what had advices from the foreign office at Tokio, dated August 23rd:

"'The Japanese regiment which had | London, Aug. 25.-The Pekin corres-

"The commander of the Japanese fleet at Taku transmits by telegraph on the manders that the gathering was acciden-

The Emperor seems to have disappeared purpose of protecting the imperial pal- urday, says: "Taku, Aug. 22.-To Bureau of Navi- completely. It is officially reported that ace, had hard fighting all day, but they gation, Washington: Cable now open the minister of the Netherlands, Dr. could not bring it to a decisive issue, as control. Looting is proceeding systemto Taku. All troops from Hancock Knobel, was slightly wounded during the they refrained from firing on the palace. atically. On the following day, however, they St. Petersburg dispatches announce took its principal gate, and now the city good progress in the Manchurian cam- is almost entirely cleared of the enemy. paign. The town of Meregen was cap- The imperial family and the ministers of tured August 18th, with trifling loss, state left for Sian Fu five or six days while the Chinese suffered severely, leav- ago, escorted by 3,000 troops, under ing 10 guns, 700 rifles and large quan- Tung Fuh Shiang. With the object of tities of ammunition in the hands of the restoring order, the city has been divided into districts, Japan being assigned the The reports of risings in northern northern half, and Japan, the United temple at that place to-day. Marines Korea are confirmed. It is believed that States, Great Britain, Russia and France these are not due to ill-will towards fore- have each deputed an officer to carry on igners, but to local dissatisfaction. The the administration. Prince Tuan's resi-Korean government is sending troops to dence has been burned down by the Japanese. The Japanese naval detachment According to telegrams from Shanghai, which guarded the Japanese legation lost considerable uneasiness is felt there over during the siege five killed and eight

Storming the Walls

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.-Gen. Lincvitch, commander of the Russian troops in the prevince of Pe Chi Li, telegraphs to the minister of war as follows:
"At 2 o'clock on the morning of Aug-

ust 14th our troops stormed the eastern gate of Pekin and were the first to enter the city. The Russian flag was the first hoisted on the walls. The bombardment of the gate lasted 14 hours. The Ruswians then scaled and occupied the wall. "The Chinese, however, still held the observatory and other towers, from which they subjected our troops to a heavy enfilading fire until our infantay forced them to leave their positions. Our losses were: Killed, Col. Antikoff and 22 men; wounded, Gen. Wasilo rski, Col

Modl and five other officers and 102 men. "In the meanwhile the allied troops stormed and captured another gate and entered the city. "We found the imperial government

had fled and that the legations were in great straits." The dispatch concludes with describing the recent attacks on the legations. During the siege the inmates of the Russian

legation had 5 men killed and 20 wound-

London, Aug. 25.-Street fighting breaks out intermittently in Pekin, according to dispatches from Shanghai, the allies not having sufficient forces to police the vast city. As small parties of the allied troops penetrated into the new dis-

tricts they have to engage half-armed

sued the Dowager Empress and the court and overtook them eighty miles southwest of Pekin. The Emperor, it is adhis captors. The prisoners have not yet

reached Pekin. The vicerov of Honquin frontier and to be intending to fight the French at Meng Tse.

The bulk of the German fleet recently at Shanghai has gone to Taku as an escort to the new German minister, Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, who is bound for Pekin.

Clan fights are of daily occurrence in the Tsung Chan district. The foreign residents of Shanghai are alarmed at the arrival of the extraordinary number of warships and are fearful of European complications, though they have been assured by the naval com-

cablegram has been received at the navy the vicinity of Pekin, but surrounded. been detailed early on the 15th for the pondent of the Times, wiring last Sat-

"Pekin is now entirely under foreign The French and Russian flags are flying over the best portion of the Imperial domain, where it is believed the Imperial treasure is buried.

"The Forbidden City is respected by international agreement, although any Colonel Otter Says First Canpunishment will be ineffective unless it is occupied.

"The Japanese have seized a horde amounting to 50,000 taels of silver. "The Empress Dowager, the Emperor, Prince Tuan and all the high officers escaped to Tai Yuen Fu, province of Shan Si, from which point they proceeded to Sian Fu. There is no governor."

En Route for Taku. Taku, Aug. 2.—Transports are pouring into Taku. Three large German vessels arrived and are unloading. One regiment that has disembarked is on its way to Pekin and another is bound for Tien Tsin. Three Russian vessels are

The 15th Infantry, the 3rd Artillery and 500 marines are encamped at Tien Tsin awaiting orders. Rations for 40 days are being forwarded to the Pekin contingent by boats.

A hundred civilians have left Pekin,

including the custom force, and are on

Been Shot

He Was One of the Ringleaders in Plot to Kidnap Lord Roberts.

Dewet Abandons His Transport--Three Victorians Have Arrived at Quebec.

London, Aug. 25 .- A Pretoria dispatch says that Lieut. Cordua was shot yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

Gen. Baden-Powell, according to a dispatch to the Standard from Pretoria, dated August 23rd, headed off General Dewet, preventing his juncture with the main body of the enemy. Dewet abandoned his transport and got to the hills, the commando dispersing, some trekking

Lord Kitchener has returned to Pre-

Victorians Reach Quebec.

Quebec, Aug. 24.-Steamer Lake Onded, threw himself on the protection of tario, of the Elder-Dempster line, arrived in port to-night with 119 invalided Canadian · soldiers on board, including three Victorians-Messrs. Arthur Carter was knocked out early in the campaign, having contracted enteric fever at Gras-Pan. He had been engaged principally on transport duty, but took part in the dians received their baptism of fire. Finch-Smiles was wounded at the battle of Modder river, February 18th. He was shot in the left knee, the bullet entering the front and making its exit at the back. tearing a ligament.' Jones fought in several engagements, but was stricken at Osfontein with rheumatism.

The three men spoke in the highest

terms of the hospital service.

To Pretoria

adian Contingent Will Return to Capital.

The Liverpool Regiment Was Ambushed by Burghers and Suffered Severely.

Casualties Ten Killed and Fifty-Six Wounded-Thirty-Two Missing.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The following dispatch reached the militia department this morning from Lieut. Col. Otter, commanding the first Canadian contingent: "Johannesburg, Aug. 24.-The battalon reached Krugersdorp on the 22nd after three weeks marching, only 450 strong. Ordered to Pretoria. Macdond

British Casualties. London, Aug. 24.-The following dis-

released. (Signed) Ofter."

patch has been received from Lord Rob-"Pretoria, Aug. 23.-Baden'Powell rescued 100 British prisoners at Warmbaths

on August 22nd, and captured 25 Boers and a German artiflery officer. "Buller's casualties on August 21st were 7 killed, and Capt. Ellershaw and

21 men wounded, 5 missing. "Kitchener on the 22nd had eight cas-"While reconnoitring in the Komati

Valley, Rundle found 140,000 rounds of ammunition buried. "The columns pursuing Dewet have made wonderful marches. Col. Mackin-

non covered 224 miles in 14 days." Gamble Returning.

Montreal, Aug. 24.-Privates C. W. Gamble and W. Brooking, of 5th Regiment, C.A., are among invalided Canadians from Africa who sailed on the Tunisian. The steamer should reach Quebec on Friday next.

Due To-day.

Montreal, Aug. 24. Among the valided Canadians on the incoming Lake Ontario, due in Quebec this evening, are the following British Columbians: Privates Carter, Finch-Smiles and J. W. Jones, all of the Fifth Regiment,

Reception of Canadians.

Aug. 25.-The reception ten-Shanghal to be sending troops to the Frank Finch-Smiles and James W. dered the returned Canadian invalid; Jones. They were in the pink of con- who reached here last evening by the dition and anxious to get home. Carter Lake Ontario, was of the warmest char-

Leading members of the contingent speak in high terms of the hospital treatment in South Africa, and cannot under-Sunnyside engagement, when the Cana- stand the grounds for the charges of poor accommodation, etc., by certain British members of parliament.

Ambushed by Boers.

London, Aug. 25 .- Lord Roberts has left Pretoria and has fixed his headquarters at Wonderfontein, the second station west of Machadorp, where the bulk of the enemy's army are supposed to be. Wiring from there on August 24th he says:

"Buller reports the Boers laid a trap for his cavalry on August 23rd, opening with several guns at fairly short range. The British guns silenced the Boers, but when the firing ceased and the pickets were being placed for the night by some mistake the companies of the Liverpool regiment advanced fifteen hundred yards into a hollow out of sight of the main body, where they were surrounded by the Boers and suffered severely.

"The Liverpools lost ten men killed, and Capt. Plomers and fifty-five wounded. In addition they had thirty-two men

"Gen. Buller's other causalties on Aug. 23rd were 20 men killed, wounded or

Lord Roberts also wires that Gen. Pole-Carew occupied Belfast, near Machadorp on August 24th without opposition. Gen. French with several brigades of cavalry is moving east of Machadorp. The dispatch of the British commander-in-chief in South Africa says:

"There is a welcome green over the veldt, which I hope means that our riding and transport animals will get grazing shortly. They have fared badly thus

Dewet's Escape.

Krugersdorp, Aug. 25 .- Commandant Delarey appeared yesterday before Bank station with a large force and summoned the garrison, commanded by Lord Albemarle, to surrender. The garrison refus-

In the meantime Dewet took advantage of this ruse and crossed the river towards Orange River Colony.

Will Locate in Yellowstone Valley. Helena, Mont., Aug. 25 .- A. Wormser, of this city, has made arrangements to purchase a large tract of land in the Yellowstone valley on which he declares a large number of Boers from the Transvaal will locate.

POUNDARY CLAIMS BONDED.

Greenwood, B. C., Aug. 24.-Andrew Laidlaw yesterday obtained a working bond from Fraser Bros, on the Evening Star and Selby claims in Wellington camp for \$45,000. The property has an immense surface showing, carrying principally copper values running from a half to nineteen per cent.

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Note.—There are many cheap baking powders made of alum. Liebig, the celebrated chemist, says that alum disorders the stomach and occasions acidity and dyspepsis

placing the masonry ippliances. Hustrat-Fashoda fame, has ne general staff of the corps.