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# Captured Sacred City

International Troops Are Reported to Have Taken Possession on Friday.

Contradictory Dispatches Regarding the Movements of the Imperial Family.

#### Chinese Made Determined Effort to Massacre Foreigners Before Relief Arrived.

London, Aug. 21.-Very little news of conditions in Pekin has been received, cwing possibly to the wires being cut. What has been received indicates that all the allies are in need of reinforcements

The commander of the Italian secondclass cruiser Fieramosca telegraphs from Taku, according to the Rome cordispatch of further troops, and that in answer to these 400 Italians marched off post haste.

the entry into Pekin, a Japanese detachment went to the Imperial palace to afford whatever protection was neces-

message was sent to Tokyo. The main ment. body of the Japanese was then at the Ting Men gate of the Tartar city, with headquarters at the Japanese legation. Reports of the Empress Dowager are still contradictory; but Gen. Yung Lu, on the authority of the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, is definitely Announced to Be a Prisoner,

by the orders of the Empress Dowager, in the Imperial palace. "This, perhaps," says the correspondent, "is a good thing, as detention in the capital will enable him to negotiate with the ellies! mander, which he would do as Prince Tuan's enemy."

The Chinese minister in London, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Luh, on being asked as to the whereabouts of the Emperor Empress Dowager, replied: "They have gone westward to the old capital, Hsian Fu, and I think they are quite safe there.

Serious trouble is now threatened in the neighborhood of Canton. The Americans at Swatow, according to the Daily Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent, have applied for a warship, in conequence of serious rioting; and the Hongkong correspondent of the Daily Mail says that a warship is on the way

there now. message to the commander of marines at Pekin: "I thank God that you and those under your command have been escued from your perilous situation. With my people, I have waited with the deepest anxiety for good news of your safety, and the happy termination of your heroic and prolonged defence. I grieve for the losses and sufferings experienced by the besieged.'

The Daily Mail says a Japanese warship has left Yokohama for Shanghai to troops to protect Japanese sub-The Mail also announces that Germany will land a detachment at Shanghai

Further Yokohama advices to the same paper declare that Germany and Russia are objects of distrust to the Japanese press, which urges that Japan, having borne the chief burden of the operations, must see to it that the future of China s not determined merely by the pleasure of the western powers. "It is felt," says the correspondent, "that determined action on the part of Great Britain, the United States and Japan

Will Avert Any Danger

arising from the ambition of Continental The semi-official Japanese organ says that if occasion arises Japan can send 50,000 troops on short notice, and that if the powers are inclined to play a selfish game special measures will be

Sir Chih Len Ho Feng Luh, interviewed by the Daily Chronicle, is represented as having said: "The present disturbances are only a temporary outbreak. We do not despair of peace; everything depends upon the conduct of the allies who are now in Pekin. All subsequent questions rest with them for solution. You may be quite certain that it is not the antagonism of Western ideas which is at the root of the troubles, but rather the difficulty of governing a great and ancient people."

The Times says: "The proposal of Li Hung Chang, as it is represented, does not afford a possible basis of negotiations of any kind. Until we have definite inmation as to the political situation in Pekin, we cannot be sure that the

First Duty of the Powers if they are to have any good result."

of Boxers is marching toward Kalgan paign. or Chang Kai Khow, to meet the Empress Dowager and to escort her

### CHINESE SURROUNDED.

Imperial Troops Held by the Allies in Palace Grounds at Pekin.

Washington, Aug. 20.-The state department has received a telegram, 500 miles inland. Consul Fowler at Chee Foo,

The United States reply to China's the ground that the conditions laid bases of communications. down in the United States note of ernment's course must proceed without in the proceedings.

The dispatch of August 12th said ready to enter into an agreement between the powers and the Chinese government for

A Cessation of Hostilities respondent of the Daily Mail, that very on condition that the relief forces be urgent requests were coming from permitted "to enter Pekin unmolested" Pekin on Saturday for the immediate and escort the legationers therefrom inder such circumstances as the command ing general might lay down. But up to the present time there is no evidence that the allied forces are unmolested at The Japanese minister in London is Pekin or have received the sanction of said to have received a telegram last the Imperial government to convey the evening, announcing that subsequent to legationers to Tien Tsin without further trouble and under the conditions laid down by the commanding general.

China's latest application for peace negotiations was received early to-day sary. The enemy were in strength and at the Chinese legation, and was transfighting was still proceeding-when the mitted to Mr. Wu to the state depart-

Aside from the fact that the conditions of August 12th have not been complied with by China, it is probable that the other powers intend doing in unison. 12th. Moreover, there are some unexplained features of Li Hung Chang's application, one of them being that, while he asks the allies to cease hostilities, he gives no assurance that he has the power to make the Chinese army and the rebellious Boxers cease their hos-

The situation was made more clear to-day from many sources. The latest advice appears to be that from Consul Fowler at Chee Foo, repeating a dispatch received from Consul Ragsdale at Tien Tsin. The latter reports:

grounds." The Japanese legation received a dispatch of the same general tenor, but more in detail, stating that the Chinese troops retreated on the 15th within the Imperial palace, and

### They Were Surrounded

there, with Japanese military headquarters located in the Japanese legation. Admiral Remey also transmitted a re-Oueen Victoria has sent the following that "troops are moving on the Imperial city.

> The several dispatches from different perial palace and grounds are under siege. But not one of the dispatches is clear as to how late this condition of for peace. affairs existed. The Fowler dispatch is the latest to be received, and is dated the 20th, but probably that was the date on which it left Tien Tsin. The Japanese dispatch also refers to the Chinese taking refuge in the Imperial palace on the 15th, but does not bring the situation advices than those heretofore received. beyond that date, so that the information, while showing the Imperial city public at present. surrounded, does not disclose the issue of the situation, nor how long it has continned

To-day's dispatches seem to make clear | and for this reason it will not be given that the Emperor and the Empress out. It is said it sheds no light on the Dowager have made their escape from situation at Pekin, Pekin, and that about the only present service of the Imperial palace grounds is as an asylum in which the demoralized

Chinese soldiers are making a last The Japanese legation's advices to-day show that the banners of the Imperial cortege were seen leaving Pekin on the 14th, and that probably the Empress Dowager, as well as the Emperor, had

left the city. Consul-General Goodnow advised the state department that he had information from Chinese sources that the

Empress Dowager Had Left Pekin. The attitude which the international forces will observe toward the Emperor and Empress Dowager is understood to have received official consideration among the powers, resulting from a request from the southern viceroys that no personal indignity be shown to China's rulers. In response to this it is quite generally understood there will be ho personal indignity to the Emperor and Empress Dowager, not because it is felt that there is any special consideration due them, but because China would be precipitated into a chaptic state if the

esponsible heads of the Empire lost their functions In view of the general desire of this government and the others concerned to keep China intact and speedily restore quiet, there is a disposition among offimay not be to set up a government with cials to refrain from any personal indigwhich they can subsequently treat, The nities to the Chinese rulers. It develops time for negotiations has not yet ar- in this connection that all of the powers When it does arrive, they must recently rejected the proposition of the opened up on a different basis from consuls at Tien Tsin to destroy the that suggested in the Washington tele- tombs of the Ming dynasty. The programs, and must be conducted by a dif- posed destruction was a threat held out ent negotiator from Li Hung Chang to the Chinese in the hope of bringing them to terms. But the powers rejected The Chinese native press, according this proposal and thus gave significant

of the prevince of Shan Si, with a force Chinese was not a part of the set cam-

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1900.

London, Aug. 21.-Divers paragraphs as to the movements of the Chinese Imperial family continue to be received at the treaty ports and are thence faithfully transmitted to the European capitals. These representing the court as having left Pekin are of exclusive Chinese origin. According to them, their majesties are well on their way to Sian Fu, about

ing the Chinese troops are surrounded by according to a dispatch received by the

Chang, has not yet been made known, according to the military men, without a They are Mrs. C. Roberts and Mrs. N. palace at Pekin on August 16th, and that but there is reason to believe that the prolonged campaign and with an army overtures will in effect be rejected, on as large as Lord Roberts's, to secure the

Advices from the provincial capital August 12th have not been complied show that the attitude of the southern with, and until complied with the gov- mandarins has been far more friendly since the allies reached Pekin. Some of reference to China's appeal for a halt the magistrates have been issuing proclamations commanding the Chinese to atspecially that the United States were acknowledging that the invasion of the foreigners is justified.

In Sacred City.

London, Aug. 21.—The following has been received from Rear-Admiral Bruce "Taku, Aug. 19.-The allies are reported to have entered the Sacred City of Pekin on August 17th."

Telegraph Line Cut,

Shanghai, Aug. 21.-The foreign officials here learn that the telegraph from Tien Tsin has been cut. The position of the allies is uncertain, and a large body of Chinese troops has taken the field. Appeal Rejected.

Washington, Aug. 21,-The cabinet today decided to reject the latest appeal from Li Hung Chang for a cessation of hostilities. The reply will be communicated at once to the Chinese government, with a statement of the reasons for the action of the government.

The rejection is based on the non-comthe United States government would det the specific provisions of the declaration gotiate. sire to take sufficient time to learn what of the United States under date of Aug.

Par's, Aug. 21.-The French foreign office has received from Li. Hung Chang a request similar to the one addressed to the United States government, asking for the appointment of M. Pichon, the French minister at Pekin, or another person to represent France at the peace negotiations. It is said that all the powers have received a like message.

### Viceroy's Appeal.

Washington, Aug. 21.-The state department has received an appeal from the viceroys of Nankin and Hunan asking that no personal indignities be shown the Emperor and Empress Dowager, and renewing the assurances of friendship and of maintaining quiet in the south of China if this was observed.

The communication from the viceroys came through Minister Wu, and was delivered by him to Mr. Adee this morn-

It is understood the powers have con port from Pekin on the 15th, saying sidered the question and there appears to be no disposition to give the Emperor and Empress Dowager affront.

Earl Li Hung Chang has signified his sources establish clearly that the Im- intention of leaving Shanghai for Pekin as soon as he shall receive the reply of the powers to his request of yesterday

### Dispatch From Conger.

Washington, Aug. 21.-It is understood that this government has received an extended communication from Minister Conger giving much later and fuller The text of the message will not be made

The state department also received a dispatch from Consul Fowler at Chee Foo, but it deals with technical features,

### The Message

Washington, Aug. 21.-The state de partment makes public a cablegram received last night from Minister Conger: "United States legation, Pekin, undated, via Chee Foo, Aug. 20: To Secretary of State, Washington.-Saved Relief arrived to-day. Entered the city with little trouble. Do not yet know where the Imperial family is. Except the deaths already reported, all Americans are alive and well. Desperate efforts were made last night to exterminate us. Mitchell, an American soldier, a Russian and Japanese were wounded, and a German killed. (Signed) Conger, by Fowler, Chee Foo."

Started For Pei Tsang. Tien Tsin, Aug. 16.-About 5,000 Chinese troops, who are reported to have been at Sing Liu Chung, left to-day, for Pei Tsang. Two thousand more

Chinese have gone towards Tung Chow. Gone Westward, Washington, Aug. 21-The government as received positive confirmation from official Chinese sources of the departure of the Emperor and Empress Dowager westward from Pekin. Where they are now is not stated.

## No Confirmation.

Washington, Aug. 21,-The war dewere urgently needed.

### Governor Dead.

Shanghai, Aug. 21.-Yuan Shi Kai,

### governor of Shan Tung, is dead.

Ordered East. Chicago, Aug. 21.-Two battalions of

they will be transported on August 30th wires, adding that the engagement was a bird out of the snare of the fowler; to China. Another battalion of each of reported to have occurred six miles the snare is broken and we are escaped.) their regiments, now waiting in San south of Tien Tsin. Francisco to be transported to China, about 2,200 officers and men.

Captured by Boxers.

Fighting was going on at Pekin on hai. The message states that Dr. Robfrom Consul Bagsdale at Tien Tsin, say- Saturday, according to one report, but erts and several missing missionaries, says that the way they brought their Telegrams have, however, been forwardwho had been stationed on a farm at the allies' armies in the palace grounds admiralty from Rear-Admiral Bruce, the Koofan, have been located with the lega- is an achievement of which they may be allies entered the city of Pekin on Fritions at Pekin and are now with the proud allied forces, having been liberated on Parker. Mrs. Parker is known to have been killed by Boxers who stormed the Koofan farm early in July, and grave fears are entertained as to the safety tion is supposed to be Sian Fu. of Mrs. Roberts, who is certain to have been captured by the Boxers."

> tend to business, to avoid sedition, and port that the Empress Dowager has been run to earth,

The foreign envoys, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, are proceeding to Tien Tsin. The same correspondent avers that the Sacred City was entered August 15th, twoodays earlier than Rear Admiral Bruce reported.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, says: "The flags of the allies are floating over the Imperial palace. Street fighting, however, continues. Considerable assistance in the capture of Pekin was rendered by four thousand armed native Christians. The legations were enabled to hold out by purchasing ammunition from the Chi-

The United States action in refusing to deal with Li Hung Chang in the peace proposals meets with unanimous approval at the hands of the morning papers. The Standard says: "We imagine that other powers will take the same course, at any rate, until Earl Li produces satispliance of the Chinese government with factory evidence of his authority to ne-

> The Daily Chronicle says: "Mr. Conger has at last opened the eyes of the state department to the real character of

## Rescue of Foreigners.

Pekin, Aug. 14, via Chee Foo, Aug. 21.—The American and Russian flags were planted on the east wall of Fekin at 11 o'clock this morning. The Indian troops entered the British legation at 1 and the Americans at 3. There was a joyful reception from the wall. The emaciated tenants could have last-

ed but little longer. They had only three days' rations. The Chinese had attacking furio davs Four thousand shells fell in the legation during the siege. Sixty-five were killed and one hundred

and sixty wounded. The Japanese began the battle before daylight, and they are still fighting about Minister Conger. The government has the north wall, where part of the Chi- the liveliest sense of gratitude for him, nese are defending the Imperial city. been ascertained. The Russians had five experience he is naturally biased, and killed and 12 wounded. The British and

Americans had a few wounded. The plan was to make a general attack to-morrow and the troops were arriving at camp, five miles east last night. They partment has received the following were completely exhausted and slept in cablegram from Remey:

eern fields in the rain. The generals, however, alarmed at the Dickens's command is landing to-day. sounds of a heavy attack on the legations, pushed forward independently, the British, Americans and French on the left of the river and the Russians and

Japanese on the right. Beginning at 2 o'clock this morning the Japanese diverted the brunt of the resistance to the northern city, their artillery engaging the Chinese heavily there. The British and Americans met with little resistance until they entered the city, where there was street fighting. Reilly's battery attempted to breach the inner wall. The troops finally entered (Signed) Remey." the foreign settlement through the canal. The Chinese had continually vio- reference to the palace that American

#### lated the armistice, Ready for Emergency.

Washington, Aug. 21.-The cabinet meeting to-day was devoted entirely to the Chinese situation. Several questions were awaiting attention. One was the application of Li Hung Chang for the ap- office has received a dispatch from Taku, pointment of Minister Conger or some other commissioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal, and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu, to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang

Under the present remarkable conditions, the United States will act with extreme caution in whatever steps it may take towards a solution of the

pending problems. In the meantime there is reason to believe the United States and the powers interested will keep their armed forces on the ground, so that order may be stable government brought out of the existing chaos.

formal acknowledgment of the receipt of well. (Signed) Barry." the communication with satisfactory assurances that no indignities would be offered the persons of their Majesties. additional troops for the allied army that it does not in any way commit the the government buildings there. government to refrain from imposing on the Emperor and Empress Dowager any penalty that subsequently might be decided upon in case it is proved that they were directly responsible for the recent

atrocities. London, Aug. 22 .- The allies to the Shanghai correspondent of the evidence that anything calculated to give United States infantrymen left Chicago fighting the Chinese outside Tien Tsin Times, asserts that Yu Hsien, governor personal affront to the dignity of the yesterday for San Francisco, from where on August 19th, so Rear-Admiral Bruce

Admiral Bruce also sent a dispatch, brings the total of the troops sent from dated Pekin, August 17th, from the this department to the Orient up to general officer commanding there, in panies to-day announced that the Chee which nothing is said as to the situation Foo-Taku cable was open for internaat Pekin. It gives a partial list of the tional correspondence. British casualties during the siege, of; Chicago, Aug. 21.-A special to the the legations, including Capt. Bernard Tribune from Bucyrus, Ohio, says: "The Strouts, who died of wounds, and re- advised that the Chinese administration news of the safety of Dr. Roberts has grets that owing to the heavy road and gives notice that the courier service bereached here in a cablegram from Shang- forced march the naval brigade was unable to participate in the entry. He

An official dispatch from Tien Tsin, August 16th. Two other women, who dated 20th, received at Tokio, reports were members of the party, are missing. that the Japanese occupied the Imperial on August 12th the Dowager Empress and the Emperor and the ministers left Pekin with 3,000 troops. Their destina-

Pekin, it is added, being in great confusion, was divided into several districts. MacKenzie, Mrs. Mackenzie and chil-Half the Tartar city was placed under London, Aug. 22.—There is nothing in the news from China to confirm the retees of Japanese, American, British, August 20th. Russian and French officers were appointed to maintain order.

> A detachment of Japanese troops rescued the foreign missionaries and Chinese Christian converts who had been imprisoned in the palace, Two hundred Chinese were killed or

wounded. Engaged at Tien Tsin.

London, Aug. 22.-Rear-Admiral Bruce has cabled to the British admiralty from Taku, under the date of Monday, August 20th, that the allies were fighting outside of Tien Tsin on Sunday, August 19th.

Battle of Pekin Over. Rome, Aug. 22.-Dispatches received here from Taku, under the date of August 20th, says: "According to advices from a Japanese source, August Sir Wilfrid Laurier Has Complet-17th, the battle of Pekin was then finished; the Japanese had entered the Imperial palace and the foreign ministers. with detachments of the allied troops, occupied the Imperial city, the Chinese

princes and ministers having retired to Seian (Sian Fu), west of Pekin.' Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, the German officer who is going to the Far East in order to take command of the allied forces in China, with the three with King Victor Emmanuel this morning, after which the field marshal went to the Pantheon and deposited a wreath on the tomb of King Humbert. The field marshal left Rome at 2.30 p.m. for

Naples, where he will embark for China. Chaffee in Charge. New York, Aug. 22 .- A dispatch to the World from Washington says the war department sent Gen. Chaffee a cablegram of four words late this afternoon which practically takes things out of Conger's hands and puts Gen. Chaffee in a

position of the utmost responsibility. The message said: "Report operations,

situation, requirements." There is no intention of depreciating but it it not deemed expedient to act on The Japanese casualties have not yet his dispatches because, after his terrible

### because he needs and deserves rest.

Two Days' Fighting. Washington, Aug. 22.-The navy de-

"Chee Foo, Aug. 21, Taku, Aug. 20 .-Pekin, Aug. 16.-All except Imperial city cleared of Chinese troops. American troops, the first to enter the Imperial city, have penetrated to the gates of the palace. Capt. Reilly, 5th artillery, killed on August 15th. On the morning of A light engine was running west at 40 the 19th the 6th cavalry and about 400 English and Japanese dispersed 1.000 freight, drawn by two engines going 30 Boxers, eight miles outside of Tien Tsin. About 100 Chinese killed. Five Americans wounded. Chaffee's losses six killed and 30 wounded, in two days' fighting.

The navy department understands the troops, after penetrating the Imperial city were, when the dispatch was sent, attacking the forts in the city. This is the inner enclosure of the Imperial city.

Threatened by Chinese. Berlin, Aug. 22.-The German war dated August 19th, saying the advance of the German battalion was delayed by

ust 17th. Yang Tsun, it is added, was still Bayley, acting British consul-general, threatened by the Chinese troops on the will investigate the case.

#### Imperial canal. Dispatch From Barry,

Washington, Aug. 22.-The war department has received the following cablegram:

Washington: With reference to your department, the total exportation from telegram of August 16th, horses, ma- the island of Cuba through the port of maintained and at least a semblance of terial and troops promptly lightered at Hayana for seven months ending 31st Taku and forwarded to the front. The July, 1900, was \$16,698,605, as against 6th cavalry, mounted, on the Grant, \$16,796,971 for the same period last year, The reply of the United States to the (transport) is due in Manila now. Hos- a decrease of \$98,866. appeal of the viceroys of Nankin and pitals are excellent, ample for the pres-Hunan, that no indignities be offered the ent and well supplied. I go to Pekin to-Emperor and Empress Dowager, is a morrow. Sick and wounded are doing

Trouble in Corea.

Yokohama, Aug. 22.-An official dispartment to-day had no information con- The reply is couched in the polite lan- patch from Corea says that a thousand erning the report from London that guage of diplomacy, but it is understood rebels attacked Song Ching and burned

### Missionaries Safe.

Wickoff, saved."

Boston, Mass., Aug. 22.-The Ameri can board of commissioners for foreign missions have received a cablegram day from Chee Foo as follows: "Psalm 124-7 .- Pekin and Tung Chow missionaries, also Chapins, Smiths and

Telegraphic Communication

NO. 8.

New York, Aupg. 22.-The cable com-

The Commercial Cable Co. subsequently sent out the following notice: "We are tween Sian Fu and Pekin is suspended, the couriers having been unable to pass. guns by boat and road from Tien Tsin ed by telegram from Sian Fu via Chee Foo, and from the latter place by the

#### best possible means." Returning From China.

Toronto, Aug. 22.-Rev. R. P. Mackay, secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, said there were two other Canadian mission parties from China on their way home, in addition to one which arrived at San Francisco last Friday. One, composed of Rev. Mr. dren, and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Menzies,

The other party, composed of Rev. Jonathan Goforth, Mrs. Goforth and children, Mrs. Simon, Miss Pyke, Miss Dow and Miss McIntosn, is expected to reach San Francisco on August 28th, Dr. Mackay said arrangements are being made to send some of the returned missionaries to work among the Chinese in British Columbia

# Will Return Liberals

ed His Tour Through Nova Scotia.

Maritime Provinces Will Probably Go Solid for the Gov-

ernment. officers accompanying him, breakfasted Sir Charles Tupper Said to Be Looking for Another Con-

stituency.

Halifax, N. S., Aug 21.-Sir Wilfrid Laurier completed his Nova Scotia tour to-day and left this afternoon for Que-

bec. He will reach Ottawa on Thurs-The Premier's visit to this province was of a social character. He made some sixteen brief speeches in reply to addresses presented by Conservatives as well as Liberals. He did not touch on political subjects. He was received with intense enthusiasm at all points. and the outlook is that Nova Scotia will send an almost solid phalanx to support him after the next general elections. There is not one constituency safe for the Conservatives, and Sir Charles Tupper is said to be looking for another constituency, as Cape Breton is expected to

go Liberal. New Brunswick will do as well as Nova Scotia.

KILLED IN RAILWAY SMASH.

(Associated Press.) Tazawell, Va., Aug. 22.-A wreck at Maxwell, six miles from here, on the Norfolk & Western railway, resulted in the death of two men and injuring seven. miles an hour, when it collided with a miles an hour. The crash was terrific.

New York, Aug. 22.-The wrecking

crew got the track clear to-day of the

debris of last night's wreck at Kensico.

on the Harlem railroad. No bodies were found, and it is now certain that only three passengers were killed.

A NEGRO'S APPEAL (Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 22.-Alfred A. Akins, a negro, has appealed to the British consul-general for redress for having been beaten, he alleges, by roughs during the recent race riots here. He is a palace car porter on the New York, New Haven and H. railway. He makes an affidavit violent rains. It reached Pekin on Aug- that he was born in Jamaica, West Indies, and is a British subject. C. Clive

## CUBA'S EXPORTS DECREASE.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 22.-According to a statement made to-day by the division of Tien Tsin, Aug. 19.—Adjutant-General, customs and insular affairs of the war

PARIS BANK ROBBERY. (Associated Press.) London, Aug. 22.-C. J. Voss, a former clerk of the Paris Bank, who was accused of stealing about \$300,000 from the bank in January, 1899, has been committed for trial. He was caught while pass-

### PHILADELPHIA'S POPULATION.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 22.-The population of Philadelphia, according to the count

just completed at the census office is 1,293,697. The population in 1890 was 1.046.964. The increase during the past (Psalm 124-7.-Our soul is escaped as ten years was 246,733, or 23.57 per cent.