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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1900.

MESSAGE FROM mediate relief. (Signed) Long." Believed to Be Safe. A MINISTER

Mr. Conger, United States Representative in the Chinese Capital, Sends a Brief Dispatch.

## WEDNESDAY **FOREIGNERS**

They Had Taken Refuge in British Legation--Relief Must Be Quick to Prevent a Massacre--Missionaries and Native Converts Killed.

Asks for Mediation.

which was dispatched by the governor

of Shan Tung on Thursday, July 19th,

no allusion to the foreign minister at

Reported Alive on July 9th,

According to this information,

Ching's palace, which was then barri-

their own up to the time the news left

Refugees From China.

The leading papers still urge the dis-

patch of more troops to China, but there

is a growing sentiment against Japan's

engaging in extended operations. The

Many refugees from China are arriv-

London, July 20.-The Daily Mail

Sung forts are being reinforced daily

and a number of new guns have been

fused to heed the viceroy's remonstra-

These forts completely command

Shanghai and the guns already mounted

are capable of blowing the foreign set-

Exportation of Arms.

Killed Chinese Women.

It is reported that after the allied

army recaptured the native city of Tien

to the town. The Chinese, before they

reported, to prevent their falling into

Native Chinese report that there are

Instructions for Remey.

the hands of foreigners.

lements to pieces in twelve hours.

New Guns at Shanghai.

been heard from Pekin.

its way to embark at Ujina.

repairs.

ing in Japan.

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(Associated Press.) London, July 20.-To add to the gloom occasioned by the extremely serious import of news showing the daily develop- | kin. ing strength of the anti-foreign movement in the south of China, comes this morning, from Shanghai, a report that 60 missionaries and 100 native converts casse, the minister for foreign affairs, ernment in control at Pekin." have been massacred at Tai Yuan. for communication to Preident Loubet, a telegram from the Emperor of China,

Though the report is not yet corroborated, it tends to confirm the belief that the hope that the central and southern viceroyalties would hold aloof from the Boxer rising has never had much foun- the foreign powers. The telegram makes

If this massacre has occurred in the province of Shan See, there can be little question that the intense anxiety for the safety of international colonies the river ports and even at Shanghai is kin, where the imperial government can throwing light upon the situation. justified, for an attack later by the masses of Chinese gathering in and about the Republic would wait until it could bers of the foreign legations are safe the international concession would mean horrors, compared with which the massa- Pekin was safe and sound. ere at Pekin would be insignificant. The rumor is again current in Shanghai that the Empress and Emperor are

preparing to retire from the capital to See Ngan Fue. The authorities at St. Petersburg are satisfied that the measures for the relief eign ministers at Pekin have not been of Harbin, which is identical with

Charbon, will be successful. With a view to showing his good faith the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg has begged the Russian foreign secretary to examine all dispatches arriving for Indian troops are daily arriving at

Hongkong, en route to Taku. A Hongkong dispatch reports a daring act of piracy with the harbor there. A score of pirates armed with revolvers seized a launch and took it up the Canton river, capturing two junks en route. After looting the craft the pirates aban-

The Chinese legation at London has been notified by Sheng, Chinese administrator of telegraphs at Shanghai, that the government of Shan Tung has received a message from Minister Conger for

transmission to Washington. Minister Conger's message to the state department at Washington is not regarded here as justifying overmuch optimism, but on the contrary is generally accepted as a further Chinese attempt at mystification. Some think that prints a cablegram from its Shanghai the fact that the message is undated and correspondent which says that the forthe similarity of its contents to Sir Rob- eigh settlements of that city are full of was intercepted by the Chinese. The ber of armed Chinese are arriving in sceptical are confirmed in their suspicions by the fact that a message was received to-day by M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs, through the Chinese minister at Paris, purporting to come from the Emperor and asking France's mediation with the powers. This, it is alleged, was dated July 19th, and made no mention of the foreign legations at Pekin.

Message From Conger.

Washington, July 20.-The Chinese minister has just received a cipher cable from Minister Conger. It is in the state department cipher, and is transmitted through the Tsung Li Yamen and the Shanghai Taotai. It contains 50 words Conger. The minister has taken it to the state department.

At 2.40 a.m. Minister Wu handed the Conger dispatch to Secretary Hay. No doubt was expressed by the state department officials as to the authenticity of the message. Mr. Conger's message

is as follows: "In British legation, under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massa

The message is not dated, but it is understood it was sent from Pekin on but her forces are not yet concentrated

In the East City. Washington, July 20.—The state de- run all Northern China, says a Chee Foo partment has just issued the following cable to the World.

"The secretary of state received this morning a dispatch from Consul Fowler | Tsin last Saturday, their shells set fire at Chee Foo, dated midnight, July 19th, saying: 'Shanghai paper of the 16th said | fled, killed all their own women, it is all foreigners were murdered. Fowler wired the governor demanding the truth. The governor replied that his courier left rebels with intent to kill."

armed with the best and most modern weapons. Massacred By Boxers. London, July 20 .- A dispatch from Shanghai, received here this morning, reports that 60 missionaries and 100 na- has sent the following cablegram to Ad- ers. Here again the Russians lost heav- only sending troops to rescue the forive converts have been massacred by miral Remey: Boxers at Tai Yuan, a fortified and

Toronto, July 20 .- Rev. Dr. Warden, missions, received the following cablegram from Rev. Dr. McLure, dated Shanghai: "Viceroy's launch escort down Han river believed safe."

It is understood the meaning of the cable is that all the Canadian mission-aries who were at Chee Foo a few days ago and a party of Canadian missionaries, said to have been plundered at Nanyang, are safe at Shanghai.

Shanghai, July 20.-The customs officials will return to Winchow to-night, their safety having been guaranteed by

the Tao Tai. Apprehensions of local danger have been somewhat modified by the arrival of warships, but there are some signs of horrible to be particularized here.

"It seems the Boxer leaders had orinternational disagreements.

Sir C. Dilke's Opinion. New York, July 20.-In an interview yesterday Sir Chas. Dilke, regarded as being the principal authority in England on foreign affairs, stated that he regarded the latest news from China as extremely grave, says a cable to the Journal-Advertiser. He added: "I must confess that I am much impressed by the populous city in the province of Shan fact that Li Hung Chang should have See, on the Fuen Ho, an affluent of felt it incumbent upon him to comply Hong Ho, 250 miles southwest of Pe- with the summons to proceed to Pekin, which reached him from the imperial government there. It is extremely sig-Paris, July 20.—The Chinese minister nificant and constitutes another proof at Paris has transmitted to M. Del- that there is a responsible imperial gov-

To Protet Shamien. London, July 20.-A special dispatch from Hongkong says French gunboats have landed three hundred Annamese asking for the mediation of France with soldiers to protect Shamien, a suburb of

London, July 20 .- Lord Salisbury pre-M. Delcasse informed the minister sided at a meeting of the cabinet yesterthat President Loubet's reply would be day, and it is expected that it will be addressed to the French legation at Pe- followed by a statement in parliament, obtain it, but first the government of The Chinese assertions that the mem-

be certain that the French minister at have been so often repeated that they are again beginning to raise hopes in some quarters According to the Daily Telegraph's St. Paris, July 20.-The foreign office has Petersburg correspondent, the Russian received information from a Chinese vernment is already in possession of source, on which, however, certain redefinite news that the foreigners in liance may be place, that the for-

Pekin were massacred on July 16th. The Japanese correspondents charge the Russian soldiers with barbarity towards the Chinese. They declare that July 7th the ministers were attacked and the Pei Ho is full of corpses of women the legations burned, but the foreigners and children, and that the Russians succeeded in crossing the city to Prince loaded 300 bodies on a junk and burned caded. The Europeans were holding It is rumored that Yu Lu, the missing

vicerov of the province of Chih-Li, has on July 9th. Since then nothing has committed suicide. Various conflicting stories are pub-Kure, where she will undergo temporary they found the Chinese

Dead Piled Breast High,

decision of the government is not known, The Shanghai correspondent of the but another division from Sendai is on Times expresses doubt that the southern viceroys will be able to withstand the pressure of the provincial officials to join the anti-foreign movement. He thinks mystery of Count Muravieff's death, sugthat already there are signs of wavering on the part of the viceroy of Nankin, Liu Kun Li, and says: "It is admitted at Nankin that La's authority is now insufficient to guarantee the maintenance ert Hart's message of June 24th suggest suspicious characters, and in the native of law and order north of the river, since it was sent off about the same time, but quarters a continually increasing num- the consuls at the Yang-tse ports are ar ranging for the departure of women and children. It is inevitable that the manfrom the north. The troops in the Woo darins as a body sympathize with Prince Tuan's movements."

According to the Canton correspondent The foreign consuls have presented a of the Telegraph, six Chinese soldiers The Chinese, however, continued to reunited protest against these offensive have been beheaded for assaulting an ceive reinforcements, and maintained preparations. Viceroy Li Hung Yih re- American medical missionary. plied that he had ordered the work of The Russians, according to the latest strengthening the forts to cease im- news from St. Petersburg, have com- cupying Aigun, where 7,000 Chinese mediately, but the local commander re- pletely

Defeated the Chinese and have occupied Blagovetchensk, capital of the Amur government, with a large force. Since Gen. Gribski, chief of staff at Port Arthur, has taken over the supreme command in Manchuria, reinforcements have been rapidly pushed London, July 20.-In the House of and is signed in English, with the name Conger. The minister has taken it to up, and the general situation has greatly first lord of the treasury, said it was iminterior has issued a notice that the Sipossible in the present state of the law berian railway is closed to traffic. There to prohibit the exportation of arms to is little doubt that the Russian authori-China, but as the matter was extremely ties were not prepared for such an orpressing a bill would to-day be intro- ganized movement in Manchuria, but duced to give the government the neces- they have taken brisk measures, and besary power. Such a bill was subser lieve that China will soon be too much quently introduced in the House of occupied with military operations around embarking for China, accompanied by cse, 7,000 Americans, 2,000 Italians and Pekin to conduct serious operations in a siege train for the reduction of Pekin. 170 Austrians, altogether with 311 guns dock laborers, which had been in prothe north.

New York, July 20.-Russia is pouring The Daily Mail's Shanghai correstroops over the northern Chinese border, and are meeting with serious losses at advance from the north on Pekin." the hands of Chinese Boxers who over-

Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, comcourse of an interview in Simla yesterday that no British troops could be sent be replaced from South Africa. The Daily Express publishes the fol-

round New Chwang, and have been ex- of Baron von Ketteler was Pekin on the 11th, and all were safe, in and about Pekin at least 300,000 Chi- pelled from Tien Chwang Tai, the scene but Pekin east city had been carried by nese troops, and that the Boxers are of the great fight during the Chino-Japanese war, where they have

Sustained Heavy Losses. They have also been compelled to aban; Washington, July 20.—Secretary Long ily, but it is reported they killed 700 of eigners in Pekin and restore order." "Conger telegraphs that he is under their assailants. The Chinese have com-

fire in British legation in Pekin. Use pletely demolished the railway north of Times says he learns on good authority well and the proper Chinese authorities

New Chwang." The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says: "Intense indignation is felt here at the honors which the secretary of the Presbyterian foreign British in Hongkong have accorded to third, that he himself is not to be held ernment for permission to land armed Li Hung Chang, who is looked upon in Shanghai as the originator of the whole fiendish anti-foreign plot.

"A Chinese merchant who has just arrived from Pekin gives horrible details of the massacre. He says he saw European women hauled in the streets by shricking Boxers, who stripped them and hacked them to pieces. Their dismenbered limbs were tossed to the crowd and carried off with howls of triumph. Some were already dead, having been

Shot by Foreign Civilians. He says he saw Chinese soldiers carrying the bodies of white children aloft on their spears, while their comrades shot ity of Prince Tuan's promise to

rewards and rich loot for the extermina- as hostages. tion of Europeans throughout China and that Prince Tuan's generals have been emphasizing the opportunity the soldiers 18th: have of seizing the bodies of white wo-

the British press or public. Its genuineness is not disputed, for it is pointed out here that the Chinese must possess quite a sheaf of such messages, which the ministers fruitlessly endeavor to get ransmitted, from which they could easlly select a non-committal dispatch to serve the required purpose.

A slight rise of hope is admitted in the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Conger are known to have been on friendly terms with the Empress Dowager, but the universal opinion here is that, if the dispatch is genuine, the date is falsified.

The Spectator says: "It matters nothing whether the Empress Dowager or Prince Tuan is the reigning monarch; both are devoted to the extirpation of foreigners, and not one of the viceroys will dare oppose the anti-foreign policy. The plot has covered the whole empire Men who have dared to order a Russian city upon Russian ground to be stormed are wiring anything. Within a month the viceroys of the coast towns will have thrown off the mask and the

Only Safe Place for Europeans will be on shipboard. Europe has a terrible task, in which from the viceroys, the statement was ber of parliament amid profound silence. hurry is out of place. Who would have dreamed six months ago that for 10,000 regulars to take Tien Tsin would be a difficult and glorious task?"

not able to communicate with their gov- here as worse than unreliable. and it was feared this would result in ernments, but there is no reason why Official circles deny a number of senan outbreak of pestilence. Sixteen of they should not use the same channel as sational stories printed by the English the captured guns are quite modern Mr. Conger employed. Perhaps a supreme effort was made for Mr. Conger's characterizes as made of the same cloth message, and possibly the Chinese do not as many that were affoat during the realize the anxiety existing in Europe."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express, commenting upon the gests that the late Russian foreign minister was poisoned by the secretary of the Chinese legation.

Other St. Petersburg dispatches show that the situation in Manchuria is improving. Gen. Gribski, after relieving Blagovetchensk, the capital of the Amur government, received further reinforcements and bombarded the Chinese village of Sakhalin, which was

Set on Fire. such an obstinate resistance as to convince Gen. Gribski of the necessity of ocwith artillery were in possession. The Russian troops advanced from the direction of the town of Nismennaja. The Chinese massed their troops in large bod- 20,000 Russians are located in Liao ies at various points and made a stout Tung peninsula and Kwang Tung proresistance, but they were finally over- vince, and 1,000 Germans with 19 field come. The town of Aigun was partly guns, 12 heavy guns and six machine destroyed, and the Russians occupied all guns are at Kaio Cho. Now on the way the important defensive positions on the from Germany, France and England nese out of it. The Russians captured of a Japanese division is also en route. 17 guns and killed 2,000 Chinese. The Arrangements have been made for the Russian troops who were dispatched to departure of 57,000, with 144 guns, and the relief of the railway officials are now altogether there will be from present ar-

The Daily Mail correspondent at and 36 machine guns. pondent says: "Advices from Vladivo- Hsu telegraphed to the Mikado an ex-"The Russians are hard pressed of international law and that the murder

> A Grievous Offense. The Mikado added that the Chinese government should suppress the disorders

and rescue the ministers, thus disarming Consul Fowler, dated July 20th, in which Canada while Lord Minto is absent in the hostility of Europe. He concluded

and urge every means possible for im- Taschichau. The Russians are now in that Li Hung Chang has undertaken to are devising measures for their rescue proceed north in order to negotiate upon, and protection." three conditions: First, that a concilia- As was anticipated, the Japane 23 govtory attitude be adopted forthwith; sec- ernment has given its cheerful assent to ond, that the Boxers be suppressed; and the application of the United States govresponsible even if he fails to obtain troops and military supplies at Nagussatisfactory terms. The correspondent aki in transit to Taku. The Japanese adds: "I have been informed by native authorities have assured the United officials that the viceroys of Nakina Ya- States government that they will facilmen believe a majority of the foreigners itate the movements of United States escaped destruction on July 9, and that troops and supplies as much as possible. although a portion of General Nieh's The quartermaster's department of the troops joined the Boxers at Tien Tsin, a army has provided three large transports large number followed General Nieh to of the Philippine service for use on the Pekin, where they have been successful line between Nagasaki and Taku and it

o protect the legations." This official regards the appointment of Li Hung Chang as an indication that the Empress Dowager realizes the futil-

Drive the Foreigners Into the Sea, and she was attempting to take them ganized a plan, including the offering of and hold the members of the legations The Daily Express has received the

following from Tien Tsin, dated July "The casualties of the allied forces in the three days' fighting before the native city of Tien Tsin exceeded 1,000. It is

London, July 21.—The message from now certain that there were several Rus-Mr. Conger, United States minister in sian and Frenchmen fighting on the Chi-Pekin, fails to carry conviction to either nese side. The Chinese killed their own women wholesale to prevent them fall terday the whole native city was in flames, and the stench of the burning of thousands of corpses was unspeakably

"Among the incidents of the fighting on July 13th was the precipitate flight of five hundred French troops. They had been ordered to hold an important front; but on being charged by the Chiwith bayonets, the entire detachment bolted, panic-stricken. "The Russians killed all the Chinese wounded, in revenge for the Pekin mas-

QUESTION OF COMMAND. German Official Denies Stories of Want of Harmony Among Powers.

Berlin, July 20.—The German government feels confident the present attempts by Chinese officials to deny the Pekin massacre are insincere and dictated solely by a desire to hamper the powerful joint action of the powers. At the Chinese legation here, where also denials of the massacre have arrived made to-day that the Chinese minister The foreign office considers that the

gravest point in the situation just now had terminated were contrary to the in-Sir Halliday McArtney, counsellor and is the doubtful attitude of the southern herent rights of British subjects, and Inglish secretary of the Chinese legation and central viceroys, with the evident that martial law should be repealed. in London, who was interviewed yester- spread of the anti-foreign hostility. The day, admitted that the legation was in news received on this score is very From Mount Azuma, Which Broke Into receipt of news which it was not yet meagre, but it all points to treachery lished of the manner of Gen. Nieh's able to disclose. He added: "You may and to a cunning policy of procrastina-Yokohama, July 19.—The United death. It is said that when the allies take it that on July 18th, the date of tion by the viceroys until the moment States battleship Oregon has arrived at entered the native city of Tien Tsin the Conger message, all the legations shall have arrived when they can afford and Europeans in Pekin were safe. I to discard dissimulations. Yuan Shi Kai, cannot say why the other ministers are governor of Shang Tung, is regarded of a volcano disaster in 1888, broke into

press, stories which the foreign office Spanish-American war and the earliest stages of the hostilities in Souh Africa. The only story having any foundation, according to the foreign office, is that the question as to who is to be commander-in-chief in China is now engaging the attention of the papers.

Regarding this a foreign official said to-day: "The suggestion to make Lord Her officers reported to the quarantine Wolseley or some other British officer officials here that the smallpox scare at the commander-in-chief does not meet Nome had been exaggerated. The total with approval anywhere. This is hardly number of cases would not exceed 18. strange, because the British land force in China is rather insignificant as well authenticated information shows. The proposal to make a German the chief in command would not be accepted by Germany, unless a unanimous wish to that effect was expressed by the powers."

The semi-official Militair Vochenblatt asserts from alleged authentic figures advancing successfully in all directions. rangements in China by September 16. Yokohama dispatches announce that 000 Germans, 12,000 British, 65,000 another division of Japanese troops are French, 50,000 Russians, 21,000 Japan-

Shanghai asserts that Emperor Kwang | General von Boguslawski, a high military authority, whom the correspondent sumed stock state that the Chinese invasion of pression of regret for the murder of the of the Associated Press questioned re-Eastern Siberia has stopped the Russian Japanese chancellor of legation, and garding the foregoing estimate, said it pointed out that the community of inter- was quite possible that this force would est between China and Japan in the prove insufficient in bringing China Emperor to made common cause with the whole of China should rise," he con- being crushed by an elevator in peace. The Mikado, according to this of unparalleled military magnitude, but days ago. lowing from Chee Foo, dated yesterday: the insurgents was in complete violation using their fleets and troops in the har- who was so terribly burned on Wednespeace on their own terms."

Governor's Dispatch.

Washington, July 20.-The state department has received a dispatch from he communicates the following message, the West. ernor of Shan Tung:

The Shanghai correspondent of the that the various ministers in Pekin are past session.

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in assisting Prince Ching and Yung Lu is expected in this way to expedite the movement of troops to China.

SOUTH AFRICAN REBELS. Leaders Will Be Tried by Special Court.

Capetown, July 20.—The speech from the throne read to-day at the opening of the Cape parliament by Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the colony, referred to the noble manner in which all the selfgoverning colonies had responded to Great Britain's call for aid, saying that indications were not wanting that the end of the war was approaching.

Those concerned in the rebellion would have to answer for their misconduct. ing into the hands of the Russians, Yes- Parliament would be asked to approve a bill providing for a special court with special powers to try the rebels who have already been put in jail and others who appear to have taken a leading part in the rebellion. A commission would be created to deal with the rank and file of the rebels, with the power of sentencing for a period of five years and to disfranchisement and deprivation of other civil rights.

Sir Alfred Milner said that he trusted the deliberations of the parliament would be characterized by wisdom and moderation, so that when the troubles should be passed all would be prepared for the great developments that were assuredly awaiting united South Africa

under the sway of the Queen's sceptre. Mr. W. P. Schreiner, former Premier of Cape Colony, and Mr. Solomon, formerly Attorney-General, occupied seats in the opposition benches. Mr. Merriman, Treasurer, Mr. Sauer, Commissioner of Public Works, and Dr. Water, minister without portfolio in the recent cabinet, occupied seats on the front opposition benches. Dr. Jameson was sworn in as a mem-

Mr. Merriman gave notice that he himself placed small reliance upon them. would move that the actions of the military in the districts where resistance

Eruption on Tuesday.

(Associated Press.) Yokohama, July 20 .- Mount Azuma, near Binda Isan, which was the scene eruption on Tuesday, July 17th. Two hundred persons were killed or injured. Several villages were enguifed by the streams of lava from Mount Azuma, and great damage was done in adjacent

SMALLPOX AT NOME.

Rosecrans's Officers Say the Reports Have Been Exaggerated.

(Associated Press.)

Port Townsend, July 21.—The trans-

WANT TAX REDUCED.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, July 20-Local Chinese have decided to petition Minister Wu, at Washington, to use his good offices with Lord Minto to have the tax of \$50 placed on Chinese laundries by the city council that the number of alleged troops now of Montreal reduced. A large number in China is 43,000. Of these, however, of the Celestials have been confined in prison for non-payment of this tax, which they regard as unfair and unjust.

KEEP COOL. (Associated Tress.) London, July 20.-Queen Victoria and her suite arrived at Osborne to-day. As a special protection against the weather Her Majesty's saloon carriage was filled with blocks of ice.

STRIKE OVER (Associated Press.)

Rotterdam, July 20 .- The strike of gress here for some time, is practically ended, and work has been general re-

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, July 20 .- John H. Lee, a well mander-in-chief in India, said in the East against the ambitions of the West- down, but that in such emergency each known stock broker, is dead of heart ern powers should lead the Japanese power would increase its contingent. "If failure as a result of shock sustained by from India to China unless they could China and to assist in the restoration of tinued, "it might prove to be a question Trust and Guarantee building a few

correspondent, replied that the action of in that event the powers, by skilfully | Charles McGuinn, the young moulder bor and harbor cities, should dictate day by falling into a vat of boiling clay water, is dead.

Qttawa, July 20.-Efforts are being made here for a milk trust. Judge Taschereau, of the Supreme court, is acting Governor-General of

don Taschichau by a large body of Box- thus: "Japan is cordially friendly and is telegraphed to him that day by the gov- Hon. Wm. Mulock is acting administrator of the new department of labor "I have received definite information created under the Conciliation bill of the