

# THE DEATH FIAT IN CHINA

## The Killing of Twelve Leaders Is Demanded.

### Two of the Twelve Have Already Died by Their Own Hands—Tung Fu Siang Will Be Banished.

Peking, Feb. 6.—The ministers definitely decided, at a meeting held last night, to demand the imposition of the death penalty upon all 12 of the Chinese officials named in the lists submitted, including, for the purpose of moral effect upon the Chinese, Kang Yi and Li Ping Heng, who committed suicide some months ago. The sentence on the living must be inflicted, except in the cases of Prince Tuan and Duke Lan, which the emperor may commute to banishment to Turkestan.

The officials whose punishment had been demanded were: Prince Chuan, commander-in-chief of the Boxers, who had a large share in the responsibility for the promise of rewards of taels for the capture of foreigners and the death of persons protecting them.

Prince Tuan, the principal instigator of the troubles, into which he dragged the Chinese government; who was appointed president of the tsung-li-yamen after giving advice to the Chinese government; who was responsible for the edicts against foreigners issued between June 20th and August 16th, and was mainly responsible for the massacres in the provinces, especially in Shansi; who ordered the troops to attack the legations in opposition to the advice of high mandarins, who were looking to a cessation of hostilities; who secured the execution of members of the tsung-li-yamen, who were favorable to foreigners; who is the recognized author of the ultimatum of June 19th, directing the diplomatic corps to leave Peking within 24 hours, and who ordered, before the expiration of this delay, the firing upon all foreigners found upon the streets.

Prince Tuan, who was practically the author of the assassination of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister. Duke Lan, vice-president of the police, who was accessory to the giving of orders for the capture of foreigners, and was the first to open the gates of the city to the Boxers. Ying Nien, who was a criminal accomplice with Prince Chuan and Duke Lan in their machinations. Kang Yi, one of the instigators and councillors of the Boxers, who always protected them and was most hostile to any understanding looking to the re-establishment of peaceful relations with foreigners, who was sent at the commencement of June to meet the Boxers and endeavor to deter them from entering the city, but, who, on the contrary, encouraged them to follow the work of destruction, and who signed with Prince Tuan and Ying Nien their principal notices and prepared the plan for the expulsion and annihilation of foreigners in the provinces of the empire.

Chao Su Kiam, a member of the grand council, and also minister of justice, who was one of the leaders against the foreigners, who was mainly responsible for the execution of the officials killed during the siege for having tried to stop the attack against the legations, and who tendered the Boxers every encouragement.

Yu Hsin, who reorganized the Boxers, was the author of the massacres in the Shansi province, and assassinated with his own hands foreigners and missionaries, and who was noted for cruelty, which stained with blood the whole country over which he was governor.

Gen. Tung Fu Siang, who, with Prince Tuan, carried out the Peking plans against the foreigners and who commanded the attacks on the legations and the soldiers who assassinated the Japanese chancellor.

Li Peng Heng, who used his influence to have the Boxers recognized as loyal and patriotic men and who led the government to use them with the object of the extermination of foreigners.

Heun Tong, who has always been one of the officials most hostile to foreigners, who praised the Boxers, of whom he was an accomplice, who used all his influence with high persons in the empire, being the tutor of the heir-apparent.

Hsu Cheng Yu, who has the same responsibility.

Kih Sin, one of the officials most hostile to foreigners, who was the minister at the rites of service of the Boxers.

The ministers announced that these personages all deserved death. When this question shall have been settled the foreign plenipotentiaries will have

to indicate who, to their knowledge, committed crimes in the provinces, punishment for which will have to be inflicted.

They will also present to the Chinese before its publication, in order to prevent misunderstanding, the text of the edict referred to in article ten of the collective note.

The foreign ministers this morning gave out for publication a secret imperial edict, handed to them yesterday by the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries, which pleads especially for the life of Tung Fu Siang, commander-in-chief of the army. It says that the only reason is on account of the turbulent population of the provinces of Shensi and Kan Su, who are devoted to him, and might rise and commit acts of violence against the missionaries and the Christians, which the court would greatly deplore; consequently his punishment requires caution, deliberation and careful consideration. The emperor, it is pointed out, even in the punishment of princes of the blood, has not been moved by motives for their protection. Why then should he do so in the case of Tung Fu Siang? What had already been done should be taken into consideration. His army had been reduced to 5000 men, with the object of lessening his power, and with the ultimate object of his future punishment, which will be promulgated in an edict, the language of which will not be too patent. After the deprivation of his official rank, the emperor will hereafter decide on a heavy punishment.

The ministers will meet again this morning.

### Each Had Suspicions.

"My first business venture on my own account was in—well, never mind the name of the city," said a New Orleans merchant, chatting over old times with some friends at the board of trade. "The location has nothing to do with the little story I am going to tell you, and, for reasons you will understand in a moment, I don't care to be too specific.

"I was a young chap of 25 at the time, and getting tired of working for other people I opened a cotton brokerage office with another ex-clerk who was considered my senior in years. We put up an equal share in the profits and the hustling. From the very outset everything went remarkably well with us. We both had lots of friends, who took pains to throw business in our hands, and the end of the year showed a very nice little balance of profit. Next year, however, the results weren't quite so good, and I began to have a faint apprehension that I was getting a bit 'the worst of it,' as the saying goes. I heard a vague rumor that my partner was living at a pretty fast gait, and the more I thought about the matter the more dissatisfied and suspicious I became. You know how easily such estrangements will grow upon a firm, and to make a long story short I finally went to a detective agency that made a specialty of 'private investigations' and arranged to get a 'report,' as they called it, on my associate. I admit that it was a rather sneaking proceeding, and I felt secretly ashamed of myself for resorting to it, but I argued that it was my duty to know whether he was really in the way of getting into any embarrassing entanglement.

"Well, in the course of a week or so the agency made its report, and without going into details I may say that it completely exploded all the disturbing gossip I had heard. I realized after reading it that I had been doing my partner a great injustice, and of course I was conscience stricken. To make amends I determined to treat him with extra cordiality, and at the same time it seemed to me that his own bearing, which had been a little distant, became much more friendly. At any rate, whatever coldness had existed soon passed away and the three years of business association that followed were singularly pleasant. Then he received a flattering offer from Liverpool and went there to live.

"One day several months after this departure I was looking over some old papers and ran across a big envelope marked 'private and confidential.' Thinking it contained something relating to the firm, I tore it open, and what do you think I found?—a report on myself from the same detective agency I had hired to investigate my partner. It seemed that our suspicions had been mutual."—Times-Democrat.

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# MAY HAVE COME TO DAWSON

## A Detective Preacher and His Adopted Daughter

### Who Disappeared From Wyoming While on a Missionary Tour Last July—Girl Had Money.

New York, Feb. 6.—News of the arrest at Ogden, Utah, of a man supposed to be the Rev. W. H. Springfield, of Jamaica, L. I., developed the fact that the preacher has been missing since last July. His adopted daughter, Miss Mary F. Kershaw, a beautiful 20-year-old school teacher of Brooklyn, disappeared at the same time. It was later ascertained that the man in custody in the west is not the Rev. W. H. Springfield, the deserted wife, had given the details of the affair.

When Mrs. Springfield was informed at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mitchell, at Dunton, L. I., of the supposed capture of her husband, she exclaimed:

"My God, my dreams have come true. Awful! Awful! I have had many dreams about my husband and our adopted daughter, and it was only last Thursday that, while I was dozing I saw a vision of the girl imploring me for help. She said, 'Help me,' and tears streamed down her cheeks. And when I asked what the matter was she replied, 'All is gone, even my money is gone now.'"

One of the reasons that prompted Mrs. Springfield to carry on the search with pertinacity was the fact that when her adopted daughter disappeared about the time her husband did the daughter had \$3000 in money and gold bonds with her. Mrs. Springfield sent a photograph of both to the chief of police of Ogden three days ago, and in a letter told him of her misgivings. It was this fact which made her believe today the report that her husband had been arrested.

The story told last November to the Brooklyn police by Mrs. Springfield and repeated today, Springfield and Miss Kershaw disappeared in July last from Rawlins, Wyo., where it was decided to abandon a journey that Springfield, his wife and Miss Kershaw had been making for missionary purposes through the states of the far west. Miss Kershaw was a teacher in the public schools until March, 1899. Her parents being dead, she had been taken care of for many years by Mrs. Springfield, who before her marriage to the Rev. Mr. Springfield, was the widow of L. B. McGregor, a manufacturer of this city, who had left her some money. Miss Kershaw inherited money from her father, Mrs. Springfield says. She is a graduate of the girl's high school in Brooklyn and of the teachers' training school of that borough.

Before his marriage to Mrs. McGregor, Springfield was a detective with a career that was not wanting in lively incidents. Throughout the west, where he was at one time a deputy marshal, he had a reputation for daring exploits in the pursuits and capture of desperadoes, particularly in Oklahoma-territory. He was with the Wilkerson Detective Agency later, on his return to the east. Finally he became a Baptist minister and gained a local reputation for soul-stirring missionary addresses. It was while preaching as a missionary that he met Mrs. McGregor, and after their marriage he got a church in Centerville, Pa.

Miss Kershaw remained teaching here until her health broke down and she went to make her home with the Springfields at Centerville. Soon after her arrival in the family Springfield's health gave out and a journey through the west was decided upon, which should be in the nature of a missionary tour. Mrs. Springfield said today that Miss Kershaw, her husband and herself traveled in a prairie schooner across the country to Wyoming, where their money gave out, although Miss Kershaw still had \$3000 in cash and gold bonds which she had taken with her in case she decided to remain and teach school in the west.

"At Rawlins," said Mrs. Springfield, "my husband proposed that he should go to the Klondike to repair our fortunes, and that I return to my mother's home in Jamaica. I agreed to this finally, and then Miss Kershaw decided to go to Salt Lake city to teach school. My husband saw her off on a train going west. Then he saw me off on a train going east an hour later, while he was to take a train north. That was on July 9th, and although

the agreement was that we should all write to one another the next day, I have not heard from either of them since. I determined to find out whether my niece was with my husband. I also had some fear for her because of the money she had. Last November I went to the police for advice. They told me I should see a lawyer. It was after that that I began to do a little detective work for myself, and the work I have done has all been done from here, for I couldn't go chasing around the west myself.

"It was a lucky thought of mine to set the Daughters of Rebecca to work for me. I don't know how I happened to think of it, but when I did I didn't lose any time. The first thing I did was to find out a box of clothes Miss Kershaw left at Centerville. The reply was that the box had been sent to Antioch, Cal., at Miss Kershaw's request. Then I put the Daughters of Rebecca to work. I wrote to the noble grand daughter at Antioch. She couldn't help me about the box, but she told me that there were branches at Rawlins and Ogden and Salt Lake city, and suggested that I write to them, which I did, telling them that my husband could be traced, perhaps, by means of a big box filled with sporting trophies that he had with him. Sure enough, the clew was a good one, for before long I got a letter saying the box had been sent to Ogden. Then I wrote to the head of the order at Ogden, and three days ago I got a letter saying the Rebeccas had found the box in a storage warehouse in that city.

"It was then that I wrote a letter, telling the whole story to the police of Ogden. It didn't take the Rebeccas long to do this work for me, while the Odd Fellows, to whom also I reported it, didn't have any luck at all. Springfield is a member of the Odd Fellows, and I wrote to the lodges in all the Western states, asking them to help me find him. That was before I tried the Rebeccas. I got a lot of letters from the Odd Fellows, but none of them, it seems, could locate him."

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