

CHINESE MUDDLE.

English Public and Press Will Not be Satisfied Until Communication is Re-opened With Peking

That the Ministers Are Safe Despite the Conger Message and Sir Halliday MacArtney's Assertion that the Legationers Are About to Proceed to Tien Tsin.

LONDON, July 23, 4 a. m.—Sir Chih Chen Loh Pong, the Chinese minister in London, took the unusual step yesterday of paying a Sunday call at the foreign office.

PARIS, July 22.—The Berlin correspondent of the Temps says: "It is asserted in Berlin that the emperor of China has sent a telegram to Emperor William deploring the assassination of Baron Von Ketteler by the rebels and declaring that the murderers are being actively sought and will be punished."

HONG KONG, July 22.—The second Indian brigade has been ordered to remain here. The British first class battleship Gollath and two Indian transports with troops have arrived off Hong Kong.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—With the exception of the brief despatch from Admiral Kometz, announcing that Newark was going to Nagasaki, there has been nothing received in Washington today regarding China.

SHANGHAI, July 22.—Li Hung Chang, who arrived here today on the steamer Apsara from Hong Kong, was coldly received. The native officials sent an escort of three hundred armed troops, but as the French consul objected to their passing through the French settlement, they were withdrawn, and Earl Li landed under an escort of twelve French police.

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Following despatch from Sheng, director-general of Chinese railways and telegraphs, and Tao Tai of Shanghai, dated Shanghai, July 22.

"Information from Peking, dated July 18, says that the Taung Li Yamen despatch, won-Jul, an under secretary of the department, to see the foreign ministers, and he found everyone well, without any missing, the German minister excepted."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing July 22, says: "A letter from a Chinese official in Shan Tung has been received by a native functionary here containing the following passage: 'At the beginning of the month the foreign missionaries (?) made several attempts to send messages to Peking, but thanks to the strict watch kept on the city, the bearers were all caught and executed. On the 24th last only 400 foreigners, much exhausted, were left alive in Peking, and the night when the big guns were again fired, it was known that all the legations and the foreigners were finished, although pretended telegrams contradicted these facts.'

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail asserts that there are differences of opinion in the Russian council of war. The minister of war, Gen. Kouroupatkin, wishes to send one hundred thousand men to clear the rebels out of Manchuria.

"We want no conquests," he is reported to have declared at the conclusion of a sitting of the council. "What we desire is to protect our frontiers, and to steer into smooth waters the Chinese ship of state, now buffeted by the waves of evil war."

Rumor circulates briskly around the personality of Li Hung Chang. He is credited with a mission to offer to cede to the allied powers two provinces in order to restore and give facilities for trade with the outside world on condition of the surrender of the Kio Chou, Wei-Hai-Wei and Manchuria by the powers and the way to Peking by sea.

Indian troops are daily arriving at Peking. The transports reached there yesterday, and two others have left Hong Kong for Taku.

Reports from Canton say the city is outwardly quiet, but that there is a strong undercurrent of unrest among the Chinese. Only a few European agents have left many still remaining.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The president has listened to the appeal of the Chinese government, as transmitted to Minister Wu, and has signified his willingness to mediate between the imperial government and the powers, but only upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese government.

NEW YORK, July 22.—The Presbyterian board of foreign missions today received the following cable from Che Foo: "Situation improved. Shantung governor, Chee Foo, has published imperial edicts ordering protection to foreigners, Christians, People Peking alive. Trying through governor get word Pao Ting Fu, where foreigners in Yamen supposed safe. Towler."

It would not of course be possible to take even the initial steps toward mediation were either party to the negotiations to entertain openly distrust of the accuracy of the statements of the other. There must be confidence between them. The United States has never done so to the length of the similar appeal in laying down conditions which the Chinese government could not meet, even if so disposed, if it actually is struggling for its own existence.

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OTTAWA.

Rumors Regarding Col. Domville and Mon. Dr. Pugsley.

Why Blair, Fielding and Davies Are Visiting England - Canadian Trade With Antigua and Trinidad - Notice to Ship Owners and Captains.

OTTAWA, July 23.—The contract for Montreal harbor works was awarded at yesterday's meeting of the cabinet to Malone Bros. of Three Rivers, Quebec, their figure being in the vicinity of \$700,000.

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