

FIRE ARE RAGING IN PEKING ALL STAKED BY THE CHINESE

Russian Commander Declined to Accept the Decision Not to Violate the Imperial Palace—Russia Had Declared War, He Said.

Despatches Point to the Fact That the Allies Are Now Awaiting Instructions From Their Governments—Foreigners Have Been Sent to Tien Tsin—Searching For Prince Tuan—Where is the Empress?

London, Aug. 23.—(3.50 a.m.)—Peking, fighting and disorder are apparently following in the wake of the relief of Peking. The Daily Mail publishes despatches from the Chinese capital, dated as late as Aug. 21, declaring that a great fire was then raging in the Imperial City. The Russian commander had declined to accept the decision of the other generals not to violate the Imperial precincts, and street fighting was going on.

Question of Imperial Palace. Gen. Chaffee, so it is asserted, maintained that the Chinese had been adequately punished already, and that it would be expedient to take the Imperial Palace. This explains the withdrawal of the Americans after breaching three gates, as called by the special correspondent of the Associated Press. The Russian general, however, maintained that his Government had declared war against China, and that, therefore, there was no reason to prevent him carrying hostilities into the sacred precincts.

Palace Will Not Be Destroyed. Judging from various and many cases, contradictory, despatches that have reached Europe this morning from Peking, the commanders eventually adopted a middle course, for a Reuters telegram asserts that warships were placed to prevent looting. Hence it is presumed that the Imperial buildings, although captured, will not be destroyed.

Chinese Starting Fires. The fires appear to be incendiary, and to be caused by the Chinese themselves. All awaiting instructions. The despatches point to the fact that when the latest message received here left Peking the commanders were somewhat at sea regarding their future action, all waiting for instructions from their governments.

Foreigners Sent to Tien Tsin. The foreign residents appear to have been sent to Tien Tsin, although the Reuters correspondent of The Daily Mail says the ministers will not leave Peking until negotiations for indemnity are under way.

Where is the Empress? Among the puzzling reports are to the effect that the Empress Dowager is one of the fugitives who are in the vicinity of Peking, but surrounded. She appears to have disappeared completely.

Dr. Knobel Wounded. It is reported that the Minister of the Netherlands, Dr. Knobel, was slightly wounded during the siege. All the troops now at sea, amounting to about 40,000, together with those under orders for service in the far east, which have not sailed, amount to about 200,000 more, will be sent to Manila.

Russians Campaign in Manchuria. St. Petersburg despatches announce good progress in the Manchurian campaign. The town of Mergen was captured Aug. 18, with trifling Russian loss, while the Chinese suffered severely, leaving 10 guns, 300 rifles and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the Russians.

Risings in Northern Korea. The reports of the risings in Northern Korea are confirmed. It is believed that there are not due to ill-will toward foreigners, but to local dissatisfaction. The Korean Government is sending troops to the disaffected districts.

Unrest at Shanghai. According to reports from Shanghai, considerable unrest is felt there over the fact that no despatches have been received from Peking since Aug. 20. Another Shanghai despatch locates Emperor Kwangsu under the protection of the British and the Dowager Empress, already captured by the Japanese.

Handed to Hand at Tien Tsin. Describing the engagement west of Tien Tsin Aug. 6, a special despatch says: "The 6th U.S. Cavalry fought with dramatic precision in the hand-to-hand fighting, and the Chinese only escaped through the burning of the German." Berlin learns that there has been fighting west of Tien Tsin, which creates the impression that the Province of Peking may be effectively occupied before peace negotiations will become feasible.

UPRISING AT HANKOW. An attempt made to rob the Customs Bank—The Leaders Were Decapitated. Paris, Aug. 23.—The French Consul at Hankow wires that an attempt at an uprising occurred during the night of Aug. 21. A band of Chinese tried to set fire to a house adjoining the Customs Bank adjacent to the British Consulate, with the object of pillaging the bank and burning the European quarter. The victory, however, took immediate steps, and arrested the ringleaders, setting at the same time the Chinese and documents, demonstrating the existence of a secret society and an organized plot. Two of the leading conspirators were decapitated, their heads being subsequently exhibited in the centre of the Chinese town. Twenty others were imprisoned. More trouble is feared when the flight of the Emperor to the west, if true, becomes known.

CHINESE TROOPS IN THEIR REAR. It is feared communication has been cut off—Sir Claude. London, Aug. 23.—The foreign consulate at Shanghai, not having received anything from Peking later than Aug. 17, fear the Chinese troops are operating along the rear

GASELEE'S REPORT TO WAR OFFICE ON RELIEF OF THE LEGATIONS

Indian Troops Made a Forced March of Fifteen Miles in Great Heat—Broke Down the Southeast Gate and Then Reached the Legations.

London, Aug. 23.—Gen. Gaselee, the commander of the British forces at Peking, has telegraphed to the War Office as follows: "Peking, Aug. 15 (Wednesday), via cable. Aug. 21 (Thursday).—At a conference Aug. 14 it was agreed that the allies should concentrate within five miles of Peking. The attack, however, commenced early in the morning of Aug. 14, and our troops had to make a forced march of 15 miles from Tung Chow to great heat.

"We were on the extreme left, and attacked the southeast gate of the Chinese city. There was practically no opposition, as we were not expected at that point. "Entered the Water Gate. "At 3 o'clock we got on the canal, opposite the water gate, and were signalled from the wall behind by legationaries. With a portion of the staff and 70 Indians, rushed across the almost dry moat, and entered the water gate without loss.

"We found all well in the legations. "Macdonald immediately showed me around the positions with the view of further action. "Allies Got the Central Gate. "In the meantime our field artillery had been brought up to bombard the central gate of the Tatar city, but a sortie by the Americans and Russians of the garrison from the wall stopped the bombardment and the gate fell into our hands.

Field Guns in the Legation. "Two field guns were then brought into the legation, and the rest were sent back to the Temple of Heaven. "At about 5 o'clock in the afternoon the Americans, under Gen. Chaffee, entered the legation, and then moved on towards the central gate of the Tatar city for the night. "By daylight we had 400 men in the legation. "Here, apparently, some words are missing.

Fighting at Temple of Heaven. "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 Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall. The Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall. The Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall.

BADEN-POWELL FOUGHT ALL DAY WITH GROBLER'S REAR GUARD

Grobler Was Driven Back East of Pinaur's River—Rhodesians Lost Col. Spreckley and Four Men Killed—Dewet's Force 300.

London, Aug. 23.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, dated of Pretoria, Aug. 22, as follows: "At 2 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 14 our troops stormed the eastern gate of Peking and were the first to enter the city. "The Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall. The Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall. The Russian flag was first hoisted on the wall.

Baden-Powell Fighting. "Page reports from Hamman's Kapaai that Baden-Powell engaged Grobler's rear guard all day yesterday. Grobler was driven back east of Pinaur's River. Baden-Powell occupied the railway station of that name. During the fight Baden-Powell's advance and that of the enemy galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing Col. Spreckley and four men killed and several wounded. The Boers were driven back to the river. They were at Cysterk this morning. Plumer and Hickman were closely pursuing them.

Dewet's Force is 300. "It seems certain that Dewet, leading his force to make his headquarters, with a few hundred men, has been driven back to the Orange River colony. He is a very different condition from that when he left Bethlehem with six or eight guns and 2000 men. His gun and personal following cannot be more than 300.

Steyn Going to Join Kruger. "It is stated that Steyn, with a small bodyguard, has crossed Pinaur's River on the morning of Aug. 15 and is now on his way to join Kruger at Mafeking. The Boers are believed to have a portion of the railway at Koster's Drift, five miles south of Newcastle, and damaged the rails at a point 30 miles south of Newcastle."

Canadian Invalids. Many Are Returning Home—123 Will Arrive at Quebec This Morning. Ottawa, Aug. 23.—A list of Canadian invalids to England accompanying Lieut. Col. Otter's last report included some 100 names.

Mr. Baza Wants Canada to Export Agricultural Products to the Island. Montreal, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Mayor Prefontaine was visited this morning by Mr. Joshua Baza, a large sugar exporter of Barbados, West Indies. Mr. Baza had been interviewing the members of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the proposed trade to the West Indies from Montreal. He stated to the Mayor that fully one-half of the sugar crop of Barbados was exported to Canada, but that the trade was crippled on account of vessels not being able to get return cargoes from this port.

Kettle River Ry. Charter. Was Thrown Out by the B.C. Legislature on a Midnight Division. Victoria, B.C., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway charter was thrown out by the Legislature last night, on a midnight division. Before the committee investigating the railway's affairs, the charter was rejected. The committee's report showed that the railway was a failure, and that the charter was a fraud.

Hard Crack at Montreal. Ex-Bailiff Whyte of Glasgow Says It is an Intensely Dirty and Slovenly City. Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Ex-Bailiff Whyte of Glasgow, now in the city, remarks that the man who says that public ownership of the franchises is not a success is an idiot. He says that Montreal is an intensely dirty and slovenly city.

Coming-The Great Trilby. Cook's Turkish Baths have reopened—23 and 23 King West. Do Not Miss Her. To Wilson Park, Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp, new steel-clad "Columbian" last and best trip of the season. Round trip only 50c.

For the Theatre Season. There is a standing fashion for light wear—a more decorative fancy than anything else—the ostrich feather bro. It must be of good quality, of selected ostrich feathers. The Illusion Company has imported specially for the Toronto people a shipment of these high-class wares, and they are now on view in the show-stone store open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Schooner Dunn Released. By the Calvin Company's Wreckers From the Shallow, Where She Ran Ashore. Montreal, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The schooner S. H. Dunn, owned by E. L. Kelsey of Detroit, coal laden for Kingston, which ran ashore on the Myles Shoal, on Wednesday, was successfully released 9 o'clock by the Calvin Company's wreckers, in charge of Captain Tom Bryan, with two tugs and lighter Augustus. The vessel is leaking slightly, but damage not considered serious.

DR. LESLIE OF MONTREAL RECEIVED 18 WOUNDS

Serious Riots at Akron, O. When They Could Not Find Peck the Mob Burned the City Hall and All the Records.

STATE MILITIA NOW IN STREETS. Dramatic Used by the Mob—Peck, the Negro, is Now in Cleveland Jail.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—As a result of last night's riot two are dead, two will die, 16 others are more or less injured and fully a million dollars in property has gone up in smoke. The City Hall is totally destroyed, the Columbus building, adjoining, is a mass of ashes and several smaller frame buildings in the vicinity are in ruins.

City in Hands of Wild Mob. The destruction wrought by the wild mob, which held possession of the city from dark last night until dawn, was such that it would be impossible to find a negro charged with assaulting a 6-year-old girl. It is estimated that the mob was composed of not less than 1500 men.

Soldiers Patrol the Streets. The soldiers patrol the streets 10-12-57. The city is quiet. "Threat yesterday afternoon there were ominous mutterings, which grew more pronounced as night approached. The authorities did everything in their power to quell the mob feeling, nevertheless, an immense crowd gathered around the jail, where Louis Peck, the alleged negro rapist, was confined, and soon the cry "Lynch the negro" was on every tongue.

Peck Taken to Cleveland. The mob, however, would not believe that the man had been taken away, and as night wore on the fury of the rioters increased, eventually culminating in an assault shortly after midnight on the court house, and later on the City Hall. Immense charges of dynamite were placed under the city and county buildings, and then, to complete its work, the mob applied the torch.

Militia on Duty. At 6 o'clock a company of the 6th Ohio Regiment arrived on a special train from Canton, and was at once marched to the scene of the night's rioting. The militiamen were placed on guard duty around the county buildings, but found little to do.

Peck in Great Anxiety. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Intelligence was received this afternoon by the police authorities that a mob of 300 men had left Akron for Cleveland, bent on wreaking vengeance on the head of Peck for the attack of Wednesday night. Subsequently, the mob appeared here, and it was the duty of a detachment of police to guard the County Jail.

An Awful Night of Anarchy. Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—What a day dawned in Akron Thursday morning it revealed a scene of desolation and the evidences of violence and lawlessness unparalleled in the history of the city. The rioters had done their awful work, and had departed. One child was lying cold in death, and nearly a score of people were suffering from the wounds of pistol balls, buckshot and missiles.

Chief Died in Desperation. The city building was a heap of smoking, water-soaked ashes of Columbia Hall. The police force of the city was disorganized and scattered. The chief was lying in a pool of blood, and was dead. The rioters had done their awful work, and had departed. One child was lying cold in death, and nearly a score of people were suffering from the wounds of pistol balls, buckshot and missiles.

Nothing New in the Situation—Men Held a Public Meeting Last Night. Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—There is again nothing new to report in the C.P.R. strike situation. The men held a public meeting in St. James Hall to-night. Among those who gave addresses were Mr. W. C. Vincent, Rev. Joseph Hogg, Rev. J. C. Walker, John T. Mortimer (president, Trades Council), and W. W. Buchanan.

The Temple Cafe. For the next three weeks during the Exhibition, all strangers coming to the city wanting first-class meals, at all hours, on the shortest possible notice, should call at the Temple Cafe, where all the latest delicacies, with first-class service, at moderate prices, will be at your command.

High-grade Leather Furniture. Specially Inviting Here. The Office Specialty Mfg. Co., 77 Bay St. Comfortable Feet in Hot Weather by using Dr. Evans' Antiseptic Foot Powder. Keep the feet cool, free from corns. Bligham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street.

MARRIAGES. MLEAN-KINGSBERY.—At the residence of the bride's mother, No. 47 Windsor street, on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1900, by Rev. J. Kingsberry to Thomas McLean, both of Toronto.

DEATHS. BARTON.—On the evening of the 22nd inst. at her late residence, 127 Bay street, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Mary Barton, in her 45th year, beloved wife of Sergeant William Barton, died at 2.30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. At Toronto: Liverpool, New York, via London, 24th inst. At Montreal: Liverpool, New York, via London, 24th inst. At St. John: Liverpool, New York, via London, 24th inst.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay. Thunderstorms, but for the most part fair and decidedly warm. Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley. Fine and decidedly warm. Lower St. Lawrence, Guelph and Manitowish. Light to moderate winds; fine and warm. Lake Superior and Manitoba-Lake Superior. Thunderstorms, but for the most part fair and warm.

Don't Wait. Don't delay purchasing your fur garments for the winter, but get your eye on something fancy and stylish. Pick up a few of the latest fashions. They are all here at the Dineen Co. of Algonquin. They are all here at the Dineen Co. of Algonquin. They are all here at the Dineen Co. of Algonquin.

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