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THE SITUATION DESPERATE.

Sir Claude Macdonald's Message August 6 So Intimates.

Unless Relieved, Says the British Minister, a General Massacre is Probable—Food Supply Would Be Run Out in Ten Days—General Chaffee Heard From—Allies Within 20 Miles of Peking on Sunday.

London, Aug. 14.—(3.50 a. m.)—The British Consulate at Canton, says The Daily Telegraph's correspondent there, has received the following message, Aug. 6, from Sir Claude Macdonald, British Minister in Peking:

"Our situation here is desperate. In 10 days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved a general massacre is probable."

"The Chinese offer to meet us at Tien Tsin, but, remembering Cawpore, we refused the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation."

Getting Close to Peking. The Shanghai correspondent of The Aylmer Express, writing yesterday, says:

"The allies at noon yesterday were within 20 miles of Peking."

As Gen. Chaffee's report, which is the only authentic news received here regarding the advance, locates the international forces about 40 miles from Peking on Friday, it seems probable that this Shanghai report is optimistic.

Capture of Yangtsun. A Yangtsun despatch, dated Aug. 7, giving details regarding the capture of the place, says:

"The Russians and French held the left, the British the left centre, and the Americans the right centre, and the Japanese the extreme right."

"The heaviest loss of the day was sustained by the Americans, the 14th Infantry having nine killed, 62 wounded and several missing."

A Bad Mistake. Another Yangtsun special says: "Owing to a mistake, British and Russian guns shelled the 14th United States Infantry during the night, wounding 10."

Commenting upon this occurrence The Standard says:

"It is melancholy to learn that the losses of the Americans, who seem to have borne themselves with conspicuous gallantry, were increased by a deplorable error, in consequence of which one of the regiments were pounded by Russian and British cannon."

Official advices from Yokohama, dated yesterday, say that the allies proposed to advance on Aug. 7 to Nantsun, between Yangtsun and Wusung.

One Rising Squelched. The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that the taking of Aigun has sealed the fate of the rising in Northeastern Manchuria. He adds:

"No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale slaughter was the order of the day, and when the battle was over, the Cossacks rode over the field, killing the wounded with the butt ends of their muskets."

Once More the Yankees. Once more the press of England remarks upon the ability of the American Government to secure news ahead of the rest of the world.

British Will Furnish Funds. The British Government, according to a Shanghai correspondent of The Times, has offered to lend £75,000,000 at 4 1/2 per cent. to the Viceroy of Wu Chang, Province of Hupei, on the Yangtsokiang, for the payment of provincial troops.

Report From Gen. Chaffee. Washington, Aug. 14.—A despatch has been received at the War Department from Gen. Chaffee, dated Aug. 10, which says:

"Arrived at Ho Si yesterday. This place, which is spelled Ho Si Wu on the War Department maps, is about half way between Tien Tsin and Peking."

Advance Beginning. New York, Aug. 14.—Under copy-right head, The Evening World yesterday has a despatch from Frederick Palmer, dated Feb. 10, Aug. 10, which says that a general advance of the relief column began on the morning of Aug. 8, and adds that the allied forces will probably reach Peking in seven days.

Have Wrought by Storm. New York, Aug. 14.—Latest reports of the big electrical storm which passed over this section Sunday show additional havoc wrought by the lightning and wind beyond that reported last night.

Prohibitionists Give Thanks. Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—A thanksgiving prohibition meeting was held in the city yesterday. The address congratulated the Macdonald Government on passing the Act.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat Markets Are Dull—Small Fluctuations at Liverpool and Chicago—The Latest Quotations.

Liverpool, Aug. 15.—Yesterday wheat futures closed firm, 3/4d per cent. above previous close.

Following were the closing prices at important wheat centres yesterday:

Table with columns: Cash, Aug, Sept, Dec. Rows include Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, Toledo, etc.

TORONTO ST. LAWRENCE MARKET. Grain. Wheat, white, bush, \$0.71 to \$0.72.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Receipts of live stock at the Cattle Market were not large yesterday, 53 carloads, composed of 924 cattle, 384 hogs, 421 sheep and lambs and 50 calves.

Export cattle, choice, \$4.85 to \$5.00. Cattle, light, \$4.35 to \$4.50.

LOADS OF BUTTERS AND EGGS. Butters, stick, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

FEEDERS, HEAVY, \$3.25 to \$3.40. FEEDERS, LIGHT, \$3.40 to \$3.60.

WEST BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET. East Buffalo, Aug. 15.—Cattle—Unchanged yesterday.

CHEESE MARKETS. Ingersoll, Ont., Aug. 15.—Yesterday 385 boxes were offered, 103c bid. No sales were made.

BASKETBALL. Eastern League Yesterday. Worcester 6, Toronto 8.

Canadian League Final. The Canadian Amateur Baseball League closed its season with the following result:

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows include Guelph, Woodstock, Hamilton, Brantford.

Probably Fatal Accident. Weston, Aug. 15.—A probably fatal accident befell J. F. Hill yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

Fire at Beausville. Beausville, Ont., Aug. 15.—At 10.30 last night it was discovered that the skating rink was in flames.

Pleaded Guilty to Forgery. St. John, N.B., Aug. 15.—Frederick S. Walker, who a month ago was booked up as one of the soundest business men in the city, yesterday afternoon pleaded guilty to 13 counts of uttering forged paper.

A BULKY RECEIPT.

The Bank Depositor Had Something to Show For His Money. A man with a German accent and a fierce red mustache walked into one of the banks the other day and announced that he wanted to open an account.

The bank official shoved the big signature book toward the depositor for his signature. Just then the official's attention was attracted in another direction.

The official rushed from behind his counter and caught the new depositor just as he reached the door.

"What are you doing with that book?" demanded the bank official angrily, laying hold of the precious volume.

"I thought that was the receipt for my \$500," answered the German, completely bewildered.

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TWO MEAN TOWNS.

The Story That the Travelling Men Told About Them. They were talking about bad towns. "The meanest place I ever was in," said the man who travels for a Chicago house, "is down in Massachusetts. Say, do you know what happened while I was stopping there once? A man had fallen through a hole in a sidewalk and sustained injuries that resulted in the loss of his right arm. He sued the city for damages, and the case was tried before a jury, which, the papers said, was composed of representative citizens."

"Yes," the cigar man said, "that's a pretty mean town, I admit, but I know of a worse one. This place is in Pennsylvania. An acquaintance of mine down there was injured some time ago in pretty much the same way the man you mentioned got hurt. He fell on a bad sidewalk and lost one of his legs. He sued the city, and didn't get anything. I never heard just why, but probably because the jurors didn't believe he needed more than one leg."

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NEGROES SHOT WHITES DEAD.

Sylvania, Ga., Aug. 14.—What is likely to result in a race war in a locality near here occurred Saturday night when R. F. Harrington and Milton Means, driving home, met two negroes named Alexander in a buggy.

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The East Middlesex election trial is put down to be held at London on Thursday, Sept. 13. The South Ontario trial is fixed for Sept. 10, while the East and West Elgin trials will come off on Sept. 4 at St. Thomas.

Hon. W. Mulock and Daniel J. O'Donoghue took lunch together yesterday in Toronto. Someone remarked, "There's the other Bill's Dan."

Mr. Richardson Was Endorsed. Windsor, Ont., Aug. 14.—A Cartwright, Man., despatch, published last night, says: "One of the best political receptions ever accorded any man in a Manitoba country town was given to R. L. Richardson, member for Lisgar in this southern Manitoba town on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Richardson had been invited down to meet the farmers. He was escorted to the hall by a brass band, and a resolution endorsing him was carried unanimously by the crowded meeting."

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FRIDAY to Wm. Travis' lot 46, Con. B. London Gavel Road, for noon; thence to Dr. Edmonds' stables, St. Thomas, opposite west end market, for night, and remain until 2 p. m. Saturday, thence to his own stables, where he will remain until the following Monday.

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