

Tuan is Again Sending Out Orders for Massacres.

London, Oct. 17.—A. m.—There is no confirmation of the reported capture of Pao Ting Fu, of which the French consul there has received news. The report is generally discredited in London.

Hong Kong despatches tell of the continued spread of the southern rebellion. The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Express sends a report that the British torpedo boat destroyer Hardy shelled two thousand rebels who were advancing on San Chun, killing 40 and wounding hundreds.

This is not confirmed from any other point. The evidence of Prince Tuan's continuance in power causes anxiety.

Shanghai telegrams report that the local mandarins have received a despatch from Prince Tuan announcing that the court is now in safe keeping and exhorting them to have patience until winter determines the allies; to keep the arsenal in constant work and "everything in readiness for a massacre of all foreigners when the proper time arrives."

It is also reported that the Empress Dowager has issued a decree ordering the execution of all rebels who are not in the hands of the government troops under General Mei.

The Shan Tung Boxers are joining their homes. Twelve thousand of them were utterly defeated outside of Tsung Chao by 5,000 government troops under General Mei.

Russians Still Moving.

Shanghai, Oct. 15.—Official confirmation has been received of the report that Russian southern army has occupied Hsian-lu, the terminus of the Shan-Hai-Kwan railway. The occupation was effected Oct. 14.

Reports Chinese News.

Oct. 16.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, a telegram from Shanghai today, says that Emperor Kwang Hsu has arrived at Sian Fu. The foreign office has no official information of the whereabouts of the Chinese court.

A high official of the foreign office, discussing the general situation, is quoted as saying: "There is absolutely nothing new in the diplomatic situation. We have received no information as to the alleged difficulties encountered by the Count Waldersee in getting all the allies to recognize his authority; but it lies in the very nature of the case that he will meet with some trouble in bringing them all under one hat."

Russia to Act Alone.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The cable despatch from St. Petersburg indicating that Russia's attitude in China will be independent of the concert of the powers, seemed no surprise among officials here. It was noted when the aggressive military movement was begun by Germany and expedition against Pao Ting Fu started. Russia's action was not unexpected. It did not join in the movement. The fact that St. Petersburg is looking on it as merely another step similar to what it has seen in the past, and that it is from the Pao Ting Fu expedition and other aggressive military moves. Moreover, it is regarded as quite in consonance with the Russian policy of non-interference in the affairs of other nations, which has been directed all along to securing a settlement by diplomatic means rather than by the sword.

Hui Chow Retaken.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Secretary of State Hay has received a despatch from Consul McWade, at Canton, saying that the imperial troops have recaptured Hui Chow and that the rebels have dispersed to the eastward.

British Now Arriving.

Ten Tain, Oct. 15.—The Shanghai, Oct. 16.—The expedition against Pao Ting Fu has met with no opposition up to October 14. Reports received by Consul McWade, at Canton, say that a column of 500 Frenchmen, marching to Hui Chow, to relieve a party of French priests, met with no opposition in the six days' march to the south.

The fourth brigade of the British are now arriving. The American troops have been ordered to leave Hui Chow, and the British are now moving on to the south.

AHEAD OF THE AGE.

Former Chinese Minister to Washington Beheaded.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Confirmation has been received here of the execution on July 20 of Chang Yen Hsu, the former Chinese minister to the United States. Chang was a loyal adherent of the emperor and a warm supporter of the reform movement. When the Empress Dowager supplanted the emperor two years ago, Chang was banished to Nebraska, but when the intention of the American and British ministers, his punishment was continued to banishment in the distant province of Kashiaria. It now appears that the Empress Dowager, taking advantage of the late reign of terror at Peking and knowing Chang's influence with the emperor, ordered his execution by decapitation. Chang was considered by those familiar with Chinese affairs as one of the ablest, if not the ablest man in China. He had been driven from the country by the British and the emperor's of Russia and Germany. Had his life been spared till the occupation of Peking by the allies, he doubtless would have been recalled and have taken an active part in the pending negotiations and future government of China.

Expedition Destroyed Near Abyssinia.

Rome, Oct. 16.—The Tribune publishes correspondence today from Asmara, southwest of Massawa, describing the massacre of an expedition to Lake Assal. The expedition, which was more composed of British, but it is more likely that the members were French, as the lake is situated in possessions ceded to France by Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia.

It seems that the column numbering two hundred went to Lake Assal to obtain the tax on salt exported. The natives replied that they had no money, and the expedition was forced to turn back. A large number of natives entered the camp of the expedition on various pretexts and massacred the disarmed members during bivouac.

A second expedition was sent to assist or avenge the first, but it is believed that this also met with a similar fate.

Boilers in a Boat.

Boston, Oct. 16.—The construction of the new Boston and Bangor Steamship Company's boat, the City of Rockland, has so far progressed as to allow installation of the boilers, and one of them was set today.

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Presbytery of St. John.

A meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was held Tuesday morning in St. Andrew's church school room. Moderator Rev. J. M. Robinson presided. The clerk reported that he had notified the congregation of the meeting and that the deposition of Rev. J. S. Mullen, but had not received any reply. His letter to the attorney general was read, and the reply to the letter. The clerk's action was endorsed by the Presbytery.

Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. L. A. McLean to Pisanoque on the 23rd inst. Rev. A. S. Morton will preside, and will induct and address the minister. Rev. Dr. Morrison will preach and Rev. A. H. Foster will address the people.

The meeting confirmed the clerk's issuing of a license to Mr. Frank Baird. It was resolved to grant testimonials to C. D. McIntosh, who wishes to attend Princeton University.

Relative to the new law on the solemnization of matrimony, it was resolved to make application to have registered all members of the Presbytery resident in the province.

The committee on augmentation reported recommending that the following amounts be allocated to the churches for their use before the end of February next:

St. David's, St. John's	\$200
St. Stephen's, St. John's	175
St. John's, Moncton	175
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