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OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.  
DUSHORE, PA.

## POSSIBLE MEDIATION

President McKinley Answers China's Appeal.

WILL ACCEPT UNDER CONDITIONS.

United States Still Proceeding on the Supposition That Recent Reports of the Safety of Legations Are Accurate.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The president has listened to the appeal of the Chinese government as transmitted by 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.

The exact nature of the terms proposed by the state department cannot be stated now. It is expected that publication will be made today of the text of the Chinese appeal and of the president's answer. It is known, however, that the answer is entirely consistent with the statement of principles laid down by Secretary Hay in his note to the powers, and moreover it accepts as truthful the Chinese statements relative to the safety of the foreign ministers at Peking.

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' answer does not go to the length of the French answer to a 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. It does, however, look to the immediate relief of the foreign ministers in Peking and moreover to the protection of all foreigners, missionaries and traders in China and to the restoration of order.

With that much accomplished the state department feels that it can properly approach the powers with the Chinese propositions for a settlement for what has occurred. The Chinese appeal came to Secretary Hay Sunday through Mr. Wu. The secretary promptly telegraphed it to the president at Canton, and after taking a full day for his consideration the president's answer came yesterday afternoon to the state department. It was put in the proper diplomatic form and a copy delivered to Minister Wu, who was to forward it to his own government. Appeal and answer will be made public here today.

The imperial edict made public at the state department shows that the imperial government already has taken the first steps toward doing what the United States requires as the principal condition for the exercise of its good offices in enjoining the viceroys, magistrates and leading men to stop the disorders and protect foreigners. Our government will await the result of this before proceeding further.

It is expected that adverse criticism upon the action of the state department in this matter will be heard from Europe, where the governments are acting upon the belief that all of the foreign ministers in Peking have perished, but our government nevertheless regards its course as the correct one. All of the European governments have taken the stand above indicated. The last of the answers to Secretary Hay's note reciting the Conger message have come, and all of them in terms polite and diplomatic express utter incredulity in the authenticity of the Conger message. Consul General Goodnow himself, a man of good judgment, also cabled a warning to Secretary Hay against the acceptance of the message without confirmation. But the state department has fully considered the message in all of its aspects, has carefully weighed the numerous objections and suspicions put forth here and in Europe and, without guaranteeing the authenticity of the message, feels it to be a matter of prime duty to act upon the theory that it is genuine.

**CONFLICTING REPORTS.**

Legations Said to Be Both Safe and Killed.

LONDON, July 24.—The Chinese minister, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Luh, has communicated to the press the following dispatch from Sheng, director general of Chinese railways and telegraphs and taotai of Shanghai, dated Shanghai, July 23:

"Information from Peking, dated July 18, says that the tsung-li-yamen deputed Won Jui, an undersecretary of the department, to see the foreign ministers, and he found every one well, without any missing, the German minister excepted. 'General Yang Lu is going to memorialize the throne to send them all under escort to Tien-tsin in the hope that the military operations will then be stopped.' Sir Halliday Macartney, counselor and English secretary to the Chinese legation in London, asserted last evening that the Peking legations were safe and about to proceed to Tien-tsin.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing July 22, says: "A letter from a Chinese official in Shanghai 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 out of Peking, but, thanks to the strict watch kept on the city, the bearers were all caught and executed. On the 4th inst. only 400 foreigners, much exhausted, were left alive in Peking, and one night, when the big guns were incessantly fired, it was known that all the legations and the foreigners were finished, although pretended telegrams contradict these facts."

There is nothing further this morning that throws any light upon the mysterious situation. Two urgent dispatches

**CHAFFEE A MAJOR GENERAL.**

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The president has appointed Brigadier General A. R. Chaffee, U. S. V., who is to command the American military forces in China, a major general of volunteers in order that his rank should be commensurate with his command. This action was received with great satisfaction at the war department and in official circles generally, where General Chaffee is held in the highest esteem.

**ALL MINISTERS SAFE.**

PARIS, July 24.—M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul at Chefu, dated July 21, saying: "The governor informs me that, according to reliable news from Peking, all the foreign ministers are safe, and the government is taking all necessary steps to deliver and protect them."

**BASEBALL SCORES.**

Results of Yesterday's Games in the National League.

At Brooklyn—	Brooklyn.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	—2
Chicago.....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3
Hits—	Brooklyn, 12; Chicago, 10. Errors—Brooklyn, 3; Chicago, 4. Batteries—McConner, Farrell; Callahan and Chance. Ginty died on account of darkness.									
At Philadelphia—	Philadelphia.....	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	—4
Cincinnati.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—4
Hits—Philadelphia, 7; Cincinnati, 8. Errors—Philadelphia, 6; Cincinnati, 3. Batteries—Donahue and McFarland; Newton and Kahoe. Game called on account of darkness.										
At Boston—	Boston.....	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	—5
St. Louis.....	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—4
Hits—Boston, 13; St. Louis, 7. Errors—Boston, 5; St. Louis, 3. Batteries—Dineen and Sullivan; Young and Robinson.										

**Year's Trade Over Two Billions.**

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The total foreign commerce of the United States during the fiscal year 1900 exceeds by 16 2-3 per cent that of any preceding year, being \$320,000,000 greater than that of 1889, the heaviest one on record preceding the one which has just ended. The total commerce of the year, as shown by the figures of the treasury bureau of statistics, is \$2,244,193,500.

## OVER SIXTEEN TO ONE

Two Hundred Filipinos and Twelve Americans Slain.

SIGNAL CORPS TWICE AMBUSHED.

Amnesty Resolutions Sent to Aguinaldo by His Mother—Filipinos Will Celebrate the President's Order With a Banquet.

MANILA, July 23.—It is officially announced that last week 200 insurgents were killed and 130 surrendered or were captured. One hundred rifles were taken. Twelve Americans were killed and 11 wounded. This includes the casualties of Colonel William E. Birkheimer's engagement with a force of the Twenty-eighth volunteer infantry, who attacked 200 insurgents entrenched two miles east of Taal, killing 38.

A detachment of the signal corps while repairing wires was twice ambushed. Captain Charles D. Roberts of the Thirty-fifth volunteer infantry, who was captured by the Filipinos last May, has arrived here on parole. He will not return to captivity.

Senor Buencamino last Thursday sent to Aguinaldo by means of Aguinaldo's mother the amnesty resolutions adopted by the meeting of representative Filipinos here on June 21, together with General MacArthur's answer to them and other documents bearing upon the restoration of peace. It is understood that Aguinaldo will summon his advisers and that a reply may be expected within a month.

Filipinos here will give a banquet next Saturday in celebration of President McKinley's order of amnesty.

**WORD FROM CONGER.**

Alleged Genuine Message From Our Minister in Peking.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Like a flash of sunlight out of the dark sky came the intelligence yesterday that United States Minister Conger had sent a cipher cable dispatch from Peking to the state department at Washington making known that two days ago he was alive and that the foreigners were fighting for their safety. The minister, Mr. Wu Tung Fang, received the message. Within an hour the welcome intelligence that Conger had been heard from after weeks of silence and evil report was flashed throughout the country and indeed throughout the world, dispelling the gloom which had prevailed everywhere and bringing to officials and to the public generally a sense of profound relief.

The dispatch was in reply to Secretary Hay's cable inquiry to Minister Conger on July 11, and as both messages were in the American cipher code they were regarded by the officials as above the suspicion of having been tampered with in the course of transmission through Chinese channels. Mr. Wu promptly communicated the dispatch to the state department, where the translation was made from the cipher figures, and soon all Washington was astir with the intelligence.

The message was signed "Conger" and read as follows:

"In British legation under continued shot and shell from Chinese troops. Quick relief only can prevent general massacre."

The government accepted the message as authentic, and Secretary Hay transmitted it to all our ambassadors and ministers abroad with instructions to lay it before the respective governments to which they are accredited and to urge upon them the necessity of co-operation for the immediate relief of the foreigners at Peking.

**Colonel Willcocks Returns With the Garrison in a Pitiful Condition.**

FUMSU, July 24.—The Kumassi relief column has just arrived here from Kumassi, which it left July 17, bringing the old garrison, about 20 fairly fit men, 70 broken down invalids and some women and children in a pitiful condition.

The success of Colonel Willcocks was due to his choice of a route not suspected by the Ashantis, who had concentrated in thousands along the eastern route, but in much smaller numbers along the western route via Pecci, which Colonel Willcocks adopted.

Even as it was the Ashantis were active and the roads knee deep in mud. Colonel Willcocks took a couple of villages by bayonet charge. Beyond Ekwanda he found the tribesmen in a strong position behind stockades. It was a large war camp with the chief commander of the Ashanti army, estimated at 4,000 men.

After a heavy fire on both sides for nearly an hour Colonel Willcocks ordered a bayonet charge, and the troops rushed the thick bush, cheering vigorously. The Ashantis did not wait for the bayonet, but fled in confusion.

The casualties of Colonel Willcocks were two officers wounded, two natives killed and 17 wounded.

On finding Kumassi in such a terrible condition Colonel Willcocks, after cutting bush and burning the bodies, placed the whole force upon half rations, an arrangement cheerfully borne. No opposition was met on the return journey.

**THE KUMASSI RELIEF.**

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Typewriter Telegraphy.

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