

# HOPE AGAIN REVIVES

## Important Message From Consul Fowler.

### DIRECT NEWS FROM CONGER EXPECTED

**Letter From Peking Dated July 22 Says Part of the Legations Are Safe—Attack Stopped the 17th. News Considered Authentic.**

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The effect of late news from China is to freshen the hope that the government can soon get in direct communication with Minister Conger. The mass of testimony as to his being alive as late as the 22d inst. is now so great as to warrant the department in resuming the consideration of projects for the future.

With all of its anxiety to get Mr. Conger and the Americans in Peking safely away the department is proceeding with proper caution and is by no means disposed to accept any proposition that would unduly jeopardize their lives. Such might be the result of an offhand acceptance of the proposition to have the Chinese government deliver the foreign ministers at Tien-tsin, for it is realized that the escort might be overpowered by superior forces of Boxers on the way to the sea.

The state department has come to the conclusion that Mr. Conger himself is the best person to judge of the conditions under which his deliverance should be effected, and therefore it is again looking to the Chinese government to place it in communication with Mr. Conger in order that it may be advised by him. That requirement was the first of the conditions laid down by President McKinley in his answer to the appeal of the Chinese emperor, so that the situation diplomatically cannot be said to have been materially changed by the developments since.

The state department was inclined to regard Consul Fowler's communication as the most valuable piece of confirmatory evidence yet received touching the safety of the Peking diplomats. Up to a late hour no answer had been received to the second Conger message, but in view of Consul Fowler's news the officials were inclined to look forward to an early reply.

The following is the message from Mr. Fowler, American consul at Chefu, dated noon, July 29:

"A letter from the German legation, dated 21st inst., received at Tien-tsin. German loss is 10 dead and 12 wounded. Chinese ceased their attack on the 12th. Baron von Kettler's body said to be safe. The Austrian, Italian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially."

"A letter from the Japanese legation, dated 22d, arrived at Tien-tsin on 25th. Ten battalions of Chinese shelled the legations consecutively from the 20th of June and stopped on the 17th of July, but may renew. The enemy are decreasing. The German, Russian, American, British and half the Japanese and French legations still defended. Japanese say they have food for six days, but little ammunition. The emperor and empress are reported at Peking."

General Chaffee reported his arrival at Taku in advance of the expected time.

### MACDONALD'S DISPATCH.

#### Envoys Well—Women and Children in British Legation.

LONDON, July 31.—Sir Claude Macdonald's welcome dispatch, dated Peking, July 21, and received in cipher, is accepted on all sides as dispelling any doubts that might still have existed regarding the genuineness of previous dispatches. Owing to an error in transmission the message fails to show the number of wounded. David Oliphant and Warren were two student interpreters.

The message fails to mention the other legations and other matters of pressing importance to know, but it should be borne in mind that the British minister may not be aware that all his previous dispatches have been suppressed. He may be under the impression that the government is fully posted regarding all recent occurrences.

Apart from this dispatch there is practically no fresh news, although a special from Tien-tsin asserts that the British and American forces are getting ready to advance within 48 hours.

Li Hung Chang remains at Shanghai. He says that the great heat prevents his continuing the journey to Peking.

The admiralty has made public the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Bruce at Tien-tsin:

"Following message from Peking: 'British legation, Peking, June 20 to July 16 repeatedly attacked by Chinese troops on all sides. Both rifle and artillery fire. Since July 16 an armistice, but a cordon is strictly drawn on both sides of the position. Chinese barricades close to ours.'

"All women and children in the British legation. Casualties to date 62 killed including Captain Strouts. A number of wounded in hospital, including Captain Hilliard. Rest of legation all well except David Oliphant and Warren, killed July 21st. MACDONALD."

Sir Chih Chen, Chinese minister in London, has been notified by telegraph that Li Hung Chang, conjointly with other viceroys and governors, has memorialized the throne to urge the immediate sending of the foreign representatives under escort to Tien-tsin or the restoration to them of free telegraphic communication with their governments.

The Chefu correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing July 25, says: "I have received a dispatch from Peking, dated July 10, saying: 'All silent. Bullets and shells occasionally fired from streets, causing but few casualties.' It is reported that 18 foreigners had been murdered at Tunchou, on the Pei-Ho."

The railway from Mukden to Tsin and Daschizao has been completely destroyed, and the fate of the workmen and railway officials north of Mukden is not known. The whole Mukden district is menaced by large bodies of Chinese troops with artillery.

#### All Ministers Safe.

BRUSSELS, July 31.—A dispatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday, says that, according to the governor of Shanghai, an imperial decree announces that all the ministers are safe. The rebels attacked the British legation on July 8, but were repulsed with a loss of 1,000. Through the intermediation of the governor of Shanghai a telegram from the Russian Admiral Alexieff has reached the ministers at Peking. Chinese sources say that the Europeans were holding out on July 24 in the Catholic cathedral

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

### Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

Some 250 persons were killed by the eruption on July 17 of Mount Asama, Japan.

The British ship *Sutherlandshire* was wrecked at Kiaochau, and 13 of her crew were drowned.

Nearly all the striking fishermen on the Fraser river, British Columbia, have returned to work.

A slight accident occurred to the machinery of the Russian cruiser *Varieg*, and she abandoned her speed trial.

French expeditions in the Sudan united and defeated the forces of Sultan Rabah, the sultan himself being killed.

The defense of Caled Powers, on trial for the murder of William Goebel, Democratic contestant for the Kentucky governorship, was opened.

The comptroller of the treasury has decided that no government funds can be expended in connection with the opening of the new immigrant station at Ellis Island, N. Y.

**Monday, July 30.** The most severe drought ever known in Florida has been broken by a heavy rain.

An enormous shark was captured in Great South Bay, Long Island, by a fishing party.

Sixty-eight couples from Chicago were married in St. Joseph, Mich., breaking the Sunday record.

Residents of Montclair, N. J., were terrified by the appearance of a wild man in the outskirts of the village.

Comparison of the cost of municipal government shows that foreign cities are governed much more economically than New York.

Treasury department statistics show that for 1900 the balance of trade in our favor is \$544,471,701, the most prosperous year in our history.

The Rev. Horace Porter, first assistant pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, is dangerously ill in a sanitarium as the result of a bicycle accident.

**Saturday, July 28.** The horse show was opened at Long Branch.

Dr. Talmage was received by the czar at St. Petersburg.

The Colombian revolutionists were badly defeated at Santander.

Lady Sarah Wilson and the Duke of Marlborough arrived in England.

The Philippine commission is planning to educate young natives in the United States.

Two train hands were killed in a collision on the Grand Trunk near Madoc Junction, Ont.

The steamer *Florence S* was reported lost on Lake Lehigh, Alaska, and 40 people were drowned.

Van Rensselaer, candidate for vice president on the Socialist Labor ticket, was arrested for violating a Pittsburg city ordinance.

Freight trains on the Pennsylvania railroad collided near Millstone Junction, N. J., blocking the road for some hours and causing \$30,000 damage.

**Friday, July 27.** There was a further cut in steel prices at Pittsburg.

The revolutionary movement in Colombia has collapsed.

Secretary of State Hay called on the president in Canton.

The British captured and razed the town of Kokofu in Ashanti.

The Peary relief steamer *Windward* completed her repairs at St. John's.

Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright, was committed to an asylum in Hartford.

The Wabash vestibuled limited train was almost wrecked at Custer Park, Ill. A plot was discovered to assassinate the governor of Santiago in Santo Domingo.

Max Regis, the notorious ex-mayor of Algiers, was acquitted of taking up arms against the French government.

**Thursday, July 26.** General Charles Miller was appointed major general of Pennsylvania.

Several lives were believed to have been lost in an explosion near Syracuse.

A motion was made in the house of commons to reduce Joseph Chamberlain's salary as a censor.

It was reported in Washington that H. Clay Evans may be appointed first assistant postmaster general.

Governor General Leonard Wood of Cuba told the Cuban teachers that their salaries will not be reduced.

Chairman Frank Campbell of the Democratic state committee took charge of the headquarters in New York city.

Cooper, MacFarland, Stevens and Lake, bicycle riders who will represent America in Paris, sailed on the *St. Louis*.

**Wednesday, July 25.** Geronimo, the Indian chief, has become insane.

The Third battalion of the Fifteenth infantry has started for China.

The Prince of Wales was made a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Governor General Wood denied that the salaries of Cuban teachers are to be reduced.

The government rested its case in the Neely extradition proceedings before Justice Lacombe.

Six companies of the Eighth United States infantry boarded trains at Jersey City en route for China.

The Goebel prosecution secured writs against the secretary of state and adjutant general of Kentucky.

The attorney general of New York will ask Justice Kellogg to vacate the stay in the case against the Ice trust.

**American Armor For Russian Ships** BETHLEHEM, Pa., July 28.—The imperial Russian marine yesterday placed a contract with the Bethlehem Steel company for armor plate. The main office of the company at this place has been advised by its foreign representative that he has closed a contract for 2,000 tons of krupp armor to be delivered within 15 months. This order for American made armor is for the three new Russian vessels, *Alexander III*, *Orobino* and *Orel*. The price obtained is considerably above that for which Bethlehem armor has been offered to our government.

**Milk Inspectors Find Bad Milk.** MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., July 28.—Four milk inspectors are creating consternation among farmers and creamery men in sections of Orange county. Several creamery men have been caught adulterating milk of late. Evidence was secured against one creamery man who had been putting six quarts of skimmed milk into each quart of milk in New York, and yet the milk stood legal test.

## A BLOODY BATTLE.

### Negro Despoiled in New Orleans Shows Citizens and Police.

NEW ORLEANS, July 28.—After a desperate battle lasting for several hours, in which he succeeded in killing Sergeant Gabriel Porteous, Andy Van Kuren, keeper of the police jail, and Alfred J. Bloomfield, a young boy, fatally wounding Corporal John F. Lally, John Banville, ex-Policeman Frank H. Evans and A. S. Leclerc, one of the leading confectioners of the city, and more or less seriously shooting several citizens, the negro desperado, Robert Charles, who killed Captain Day and Patrolman Lamb and badly wounded Officer Mora, was smothered out of his hiding place in the heart of the residence section of the city and literally shot to pieces.

The tragedy was one of the most remarkable in the history of the city, and 20,000 people, soldiers, policemen and citizens were gathered around the square in which Charles was finally put to death. Tremendous excitement reigned in New Orleans as the battle went on between the police and citizens and the negro with his Winchester.

**Noted Oculist Dead.** BEDFORD, Pa., July 28.—Isaac Heilprin, a Washington oculist who had presented glasses to every president since Andrew Jackson, died suddenly at the Chalybeate Springs hotel. Mr. Heilprin had been an annual visitor to this summer resort for the past 32 years.

**India Wants a Little Money.** WASHINGTON, July 31.—Consul Fee at Bombay has advised the state department that the government of India desires to contract a 3 1/2 per cent loan to the amount of \$10,000,000.

**New York Markets.** FLOUR—State and western barely steady and dull at Saturday's prices; Minnesota straight \$2.46; winter extras, \$2.70; winter patents, \$3.90; \$4.30.

WHEAT—Weak at first under bearish cables and general selling by the crowd, but rallied afterward with corn.

RYE—Dull; state, \$5.65; No. 2 western, \$5.75.

CORN—Opened weak on cables, but turned stronger on reports of a better export demand, but about steady; track, white, state, \$2.45; track, white, western, \$2.45.

PORE—Dull; mess, \$12.75; \$13.50; family, \$14.00; \$15.50.

LARD—Easy; prime western steam, 7.05.

BUTTER—State dairy, 15 1/2 @ 18 1/2; creamery, 17 @ 19 1/2.

CHEESE—State; large white, 9 1/2; small white, 9 1/2.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, at mark, 14 1/2; for average lots; western, loss of 1/2.

SUGAR—Raw strong; fair refining, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/2; centrifugal, 36 test, 4 23/32; re-refined, strong; crushed, 4 5/8; powdered, 5.30.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 4 1/2 @ 4 5/8.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2.

RICE—Steady; domestic, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2; Japan, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2.

TAI-LIN—Dull; city, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2; country, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 50c; good to choice, 80c @ 90c.

**Bomb Thrown in St. Louis.** ST. LOUIS, July 30.—Early yesterday morning some one threw a dynamite bomb into the doorway of the house at 3750 Evans avenue, conducted by Mrs. A. Heisler as a boarding house for non-union transit employees, blowing in the door and wrecking every pane of glass in the front of the house. In 3752, adjoining, also a boarding house for transit employees, all the windows were shattered by the force of the explosion, and the front door was torn off its hinges, one bomb doing the work. Only a few inches of space separate the entrances. Fortunately none of the inmates was injured.

**Wolcott For Draper's Place.** WASHINGTON, July 31.—The president has tendered the appointment of ambassador to Italy to former Governor Roger Wolcott of Massachusetts. The Italian government has been asked whether Mr. Wolcott would be acceptable to it in such a capacity, a form always observed in international relations. So far no response has been received to either of the inquiries. Mr. Wolcott is supposed to be in France, and the president has communicated with him by cable, so that an early answer is expected.

**Mr. Bryan's Plans.** LINCOLN, Neb., July 31.—W. J. Bryan announces that he will leave Lincoln next Monday night for Chicago, leaving that city Tuesday for Indianapolis with the Chicago escort. At Indianapolis he will be in the hands of the local Democratic committee.

**Teachers Will See Niagara.** CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 28.—It has been decided that the Cuban teachers will visit Niagara Falls on their way home. The date of their leaving probably will be Aug. 16 or 17.

**Rainfall in India.** BOMBAY, July 30.—The rainfall in Guzerat is good, and general prospects have greatly improved. The crops already sown will be saved.

**New Hall For Hobart College.** GENEVA, N. Y., July 31.—Ground was broken yesterday for a new building at Hobart college. It will be known as Cox hall, being a memorial to the late Bishop Arthur Cleveland Cox of the diocese of western New York. The building will cost about \$30,000.

**Noisless as Well as Smokeless.** HAZLETON, Pa., July 21.—A noiseless and smokeless gunpowder has been invented by John Bohengel, a German, of this city. He is employed as molder in the Hazleton iron works, but is of an inventive turn of mind and has some knowledge of chemicals and explosives. At a private exhibition given a few days ago the practicability of his discovery was made apparent. A shell loaded with his powder was fired at a target 50 yards away. The only sound indicating the explosion was the falling of the plunger on the shell. The bullet struck the target, an inch board, and went clear through it.

**Big Purchase of Timber Lands.** WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 20.—The largest and most important purchase of Adirondack lands made this year has been closed by C. H. Turner of Malone. It comprises a whole township in Franklin county and consists of 23,000 acres, with the mill on it. It cost \$250,000. The mill is turning out 15,000,000 feet of lumber yearly. There is 145,000,000 feet on the tract uncut. Mr. Turner now holds 85,000 acres of Adirondack lands.

**Colombian Insurgents Defeated.** CARACAS, Venezuela, July 24.—In consequence of the last defeats sustained by the rebels the Colombian revolution is now considered lost. The government forces have again occupied Bucaramanga and Cucuta after a bloody battle in which many prisoners were captured.

## Governor Stone GREATLY PLEASED

### Publicly Commends Farmer Cope's Campaign Against Oleo.

## REMARKABLE RECORD OF ARRESTS.

**Statement Showing the Prosecutions Instituted Against Illicit Dealers in Imitations of Butter and Other Adulterations of Food in Pennsylvania Since the Appointment of the New Commissioner.**

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, July 31.—Governor William A. Stone has publicly congratulated "Farmer" Cope, whom he recently appointed food and dairy commissioner, upon the eminent success which has followed his efforts in the brief period that he has been at work in his department.

A marvelous exhibition of energy, determination of purpose and practical methods have been given by Farmer Cope since he left his Chester county farm to aid Governor Stone in the enforcement of the laws against the adulteration of food and the illicit sale of oleomargarine.

The wisdom of the selection of a practical farmer and dairyman for this position has been demonstrated conclusively, and the political enemies of Governor Stone and the Republican organization with which he stands have been disconcerted by the aggressive campaign that Farmer Cope has waged against the violators of the law.

### THE STORY IN FIGURES.

This table tells its own story:

Date of State Food and Dairy Commissioner Cope's appointment	June 19
Days in office, including yesterday	42
Arrests for violation of oleomargarine and pure food laws in Philadelphia in 42 days	30
Arrested persons held by magistrates in jail for court	21
Cases yet to be disposed of	9
Arrests in Pittsburg and Allegheny since June 19	15
Pittsburg and Allegheny offenders held for trial in court	12
Additional prosecutions ordered	11
Arrests made in other towns of state	10
Arrested persons held for trial in court	8
Total prosecutions instituted in 42 days	66

### PROMPT AND ENERGETIC.

Farmer Cope began operations in different sections of the state as soon as his commission was made out by the governor. He called all his subordinates together and instructed them as to what he desired them to do. "Spare neither time, effort nor expense," he said, "and pay particular attention to the illegal sales of oleomargarine and mixed butter, and overlook no cases where there is adulteration of other food products."

The agents of day carrying out his instructions. Evidence was procured without delay, and although there had been many arrests before Farmer Cope's appointment, he and his assistants have broken the record in making arrests in the short time he has been at the head of the department. A number of special detectives were engaged, and where it was deemed necessary, through the dealers knowing the regular inspectors, women were employed by Farmer Cope to gather samples where dealers were suspected of selling oleo under cover.

Having procured a mass of evidence and had many of the accused dealers held for court, Commissioner Cope went to Philadelphia and had a conference with District Attorney Rothermel with a view of having the cases speedily tried and disposed of at the next term of court. The trouble heretofore has been that these cases have not always been tried promptly.

### FARMER COPE'S PLANS.

Farmer Cope, in commenting upon the situation, said: "When I accepted the appointment tendered me by Governor Stone it was with the determination to stamp out the sale of bogus butter and adulterated food articles with all the haste compatible with thoroughness. Governor Stone was eager that this should be done, and assured me that I should have all the support possible in the undertaking."

"As every fair minded person will readily understand, such an undertaking as that of stamping out the traffic in bogus butter could not be accomplished in a day or a week or a month. I am glad to be able to say, however, that we have the wheels pretty well in motion, and that arrests of violators of the oleomargarine and pure food laws will be made from now on rapidly, and followed up vigorously in the courts."

"The willingness of the district attorney's office at Philadelphia to assist the dairy and food commissioner in bringing all persons placed under arrest through this department to justice will aid in carrying on the war against the bogus butter men very materially. "With this to encourage us we will go ahead with all the energy we possess in our efforts to put an absolute stop to the sale of bogus butter and other impure food products, and the sooner the bogus butter men realize that their game is up the better it will be for them."

"The department's regular force of agents has been reinforced at important points by men working in conjunction with the agents, but who are not known personally to any of the oleomargarine dealers. Through these men I expect to be able to obtain a great deal of evidence which it would otherwise be practically impossible to obtain—evidence of a sort which will insure conviction."

"The sale of bogus butter and other impure articles of food has got to stop. We have made gratifying progress so far, but we intend to do still better. There is to be no let up on the part of this department, either in making arrests or in pushing the cases to conviction in the courts until every illegal dealer in oleomargarine or other adulterated or impure food products of any kind has been compelled to quit business."

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