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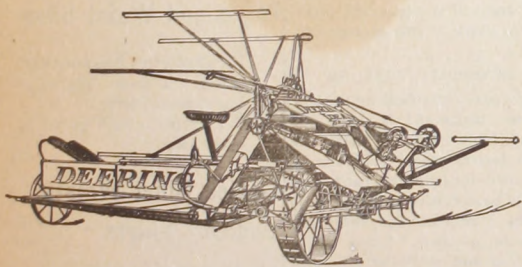
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## GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA.

The British Minister Sends Word to London Concerning Condition of the Legationers.

WERE ALIVE AND WELL UP TO JULY 21.

Besieged and Under Constant Fire Until July 16--An Armistice Since Then--Reports from Other Sources Show the Stories of Massacre Were Untrue.

London, July 31.--The black cloud of war which has hid Peking from the civilized world for weeks has been lifted at last. The men, women and children in the legations were safe but sore pressed up to July 21.

This glad news was revealed in a message from Minister Macdonald, which was issued by the admiralty. The letter of the British ambassador is dated July 21 and states that the European forces in the Chinese capital had repulsed the attacks from June 20 to July 16. On that date an armistice was declared. The women and children are sheltered in the British legation.

Other equally good news comes from what was feared was the city of the dead. German, Russian and Japanese officials contribute to the good news. The substance of the German message is that the remaining members of the legation were all right eight days ago. The Chinese attack ceased on July 16. The speediest possible advance of troops is strongly urged.

Russian Report Goes Further. The Russian report goes further. Admiral Alexieff states that at last he has news that confirms the report that the ministers at Peking are out of danger. Japan's contribution to the good news is a letter from the legation in Peking dated July 22, which states that 70 battalions of Chinese shelled the legations from June 20 to July 17. The Japanese still had food to last six days, but there was little ammunition.

French Message. To add to the difficulties of the heroic defenders of the legations comes the French message, which was received at Tientsin on Friday and dated Peking, July 22, stating that firing on the legations was resumed on July 18, and over 60 of the garrison were dead.

Direct from Peking. Washington, July 31.--The secretary of state received at midnight a dispatch from Mr. Fowler, American consul at Chefoo, dated July 29, noon. Mr. Fowler says:

"A letter from the German legation dated 21st inst. received at Peking. German loss is 10 dead and 12 wounded. Chinese ceased their attack on the 12th. Baron von Ketteler's body said to be safe. The Austrian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially. A letter from the Japanese legation dated 22d arrived at Tientsin on the 29th. The attacks 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."

A Feeling of Certainty. Washington, Aug. 1.--Doubt has given way to a feeling akin to certainty that the legationers at Peking and the gallant marines who managed to reach the Chinese capital just in the nick of time were not only alive on July 22, but, in all probability, are still alive and likely to remain so until they are released from their state of siege. The officials here feel certain that the attack by the Chinese on the legations will not be renewed.

Welcome News. The official confirmation of the news that Minister Conger is safe and well, coupled with the statement that he has provisions for several weeks and that the firing on the legation has ceased, was welcome intelligence, though not unexpected in view of recent news.

Peking in Eight Days. Brussels, Aug. 2.--M. DeFavereau, minister of foreign affairs, has received the following dispatch, dated Shanghai, August 1, from M. De Carlier de Marchienne, secretary of the Belgium legation, now acting as charge d'affaires of Belgium at Shanghai: "The allies are marching on Peking. They are 18 miles from Tientsin and should reach Peking in eight days. All the Europeans have taken refuge in the inner enclosure of the imperial city."

Great Aquatic Feat. St. Louis, Aug. 1.--John C. Meyers, a well-known athlete, on Tuesday swam from Alton, Ill., to St. Louis, a distance of 27 miles, in exactly six hours. He swam easily the entire distance, and was not greatly fatigued at the finish.

Noted Writer Dead. New York, Aug. 1.--John Clark Ridpath, the historian, died in the Presbyterian hospital at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening from a complication of diseases. He had been a patient in the hospital since April 26.

An Ocean Race. New York, Aug. 2.--The steamers Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Deutschland, New York and Oceanic will race across the Atlantic next week, the mail contract being the prize.

Duke of Coburg Dead. London, July 31.--Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, duke of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, second son of Queen Victoria, died suddenly of heart disease at Coburg Monday night.

Will Divide the Nation. Tulsa, I. T., July 31.--Large numbers of Indians held a meeting here, and decided to divide the Creek Nation into its original 47 towns and return to their tribal customs.

## CHINA HELD GUILTY.

Strong Indictment by a Correspondent in Peking of the London Mail--Gives Important News.

London, Aug. 2.--At last the story of Peking has been told. Dr. Morrison, in the Times, holds up the Chinese government before the world as guilty, and to a degree of infamy and duplicity that exceeds the surmise of its worst detractors. In the same dispatch he gives a more hopeful view of the prospects of the besieged than has been expressed by any of the others who have heard from him.

Sir Claude Macdonald's latest letter, while a strong indictment of the Chinese government, is not nearly so much so as Dr. Morrison's dispatch. That correspondent, with the imperial edicts as authority, declares that as late as July 2 the imperial government urged the Boxers to continue their "loyal and patriotic services in exterminating the Christians." He explains those marvelous changes in the Chinese attitude which have so puzzled the world. It appears that all the appeals for intervention and all the protestations of friendship have been due entirely to the victories of the allies at Tientsin. The ministers at Peking owed their safety up to July 21 not to government protection, but to the scarcity of Chinese ammunition and to the fear which the Tientsin victories inspired.

When it is remembered how great reliance is placed upon Dr. Morrison in England, the importance of his exposure of the Chinese government can scarcely be overestimated. It seems to banish all hopes entertained by Lord Salisbury that the Chinese government might yet be proved not directly responsible for the outrage, and it may result in an entire cessation of the negotiations with Chinese diplomatists, if not an open declaration of war on the part of the powers.

## WOLCOTT ACCEPTS.

The Ex-Governor Will Succeed Ambassador Draper at the Italian Court at Rome.

Washington, Aug. 2.--Mr. Roger Wolcott has accepted the president's tender of the post of ambassador to Italy, vice Draper, resigned, and his commission



EX-GOV. ROGER WOLCOTT.

as such has been issued. Mr. Draper's resignation does not take effect for about six weeks so that the new ambassador will not assume his office until fall, taking advantage of the intervening time to make a flying visit from Paris to the United States.

## ONE YEAR'S BIG TRADE.

Foreign Commerce of the United States for the First Time in History Exceeds \$2,000,000,000.

Washington, July 30.--The total imports of merchandise during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, were \$849,714,670; the total exports, \$1,394,186,371. The total foreign commerce of the year surpasses by \$319,729,250 that of any preceding year, and for the first time in our history exceeds \$2,000,000,000.

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## The Deadly Cigarette.

Springfield, Ill., July 30.--Ten persons were injured, two fatally, by the premature discharge of the evening gun at the national guard encampment at Camp Lincoln. The explosion was caused by some one throwing a lighted cigarette into some powder which had fallen to the ground, owing to a bag of powder being broken.

## A Week's Scouting.

Washington, July 30.--Gen. MacArthur reports from Manila that during a week's scouting ten Americans were killed and 14 wounded and 180 Filipinos were killed and 60 taken prisoners.

## Strange Cause for Murder.

Pana, Ill., July 31.--Frank Jones shot and killed James Elam because the latter refused to stand on his head. Both are aged 16. Jones was held to the grand jury without bond.

## A Blind Marriage.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., July 31.--Carrie M. Anderson and John H. Cummings, a blind couple, were married here after a courtship of 23 years. A blind minister performed the ceremony.

## Shows a Deficit.

Washington, Aug. 2.--The government receipts during July amounted to \$40,955,100 and the expenditures \$53,979,653, leaving a deficit for the month of \$13,024,493.

## Largest Ever Known.

Chicago, Aug. 1.--Reports show lake shipments of grain in July the largest for that month ever known and the customs collections for July break the record.

## Breaks All Records.

Washington, Aug. 2.--The amount of gold in the treasury yesterday was \$431,170,764, the highest in the history of the government.

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