

RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON CHINA.

Moscowite Commander in Peking So
Notifies the Allies.

MANCHURIA BEING SEIZED.

Big Fire in Peking Caused by Chinese
Contradictory Reports from
the Scene of Action.

New York, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the
Herald from Peking says:
On Wednesday, August 15, the Ameri-
can troops attacked the gates leading
into the Imperial city.

In the afternoon the operations were
halted and a conference of the generals
was held, which resulted in the with-
drawal of the American troops.

At this conference all except the Rus-
sians agreed not to violate the Imperial
city, and decided that the object of
the expedition had been accomplished,
pending further advice from the in-
terested powers.

The Russian general stated that his
government had declared war on China.
CHAFFEE SAYS FIGHTING IS
OVER.

Peking, Thursday, Aug. 16, via Shang-
hai, Thursday, August 23.—Copyrighted
1900, the Associated Press.—The allied
troops have surrounded the Imperial
city and stationed sentries at the gates.
They refrain from entering pending in-
structions from their governments.

General Chaffee says the fighting is
ended.
The Japanese troops have relieved
the Peking cathedral, where fifteen
French nuns and forty French and Ital-
ian soldiers have been isolated and
besieged two months. They found that
they had been killed.

Captain Reilly, battery F, Fifth United
States artillery, who was killed at the
Imperial palace, was buried in the
Imperial grounds. General Chaffee, the
British and Japanese generals, and
many civilians were present at the in-
terment.

The Japanese troops are encamped in
the grounds of the "Temple of Heav-
en." The emperor and empress dowager
are supposed to have fled northward.

AMERICANS BREACHED THREE GATES.

Peking, Aug. 15, via Cebu, Aug. 22
—Copyrighted, 1900, by the Associated
Press.—The Americans breached three
gates before the Imperial palace and
defeated the approaches of the east
wall.

Capt. Reilly, battery F, Fifth United
States artillery, and five privates were
killed and sixteen wounded. During
the afternoon the Imperial palace ar-
rived. The Russian troops then
attacked him in the mouth, killing
him instantly. The battery ham-
mered at the gates until they fell.

In the meantime the infantry cleared
the street and walls, where the Chi-
nese soldiers, with a fine cover, stub-
bornly resisted. The fighting was
close and sharp. A French battery,
while shelling the approaches to the
palace, narrowly missed the Americans.
Gen. Chaffee and Mr. Conger are
confering regarding the diplomatic
features of the situation.

RUSSIANS CLAIM HONOR.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Gen. Lin-
nitch, commander of the Russian
troops in the province of Pe Chi Li,
telegraphs to the minister of war as
follows: "At 1 o'clock on the morning
of August 14th, our troops stormed the
eastern gate of Peking and were the
first to enter the city. The Russian
flag was the first hoisted on the wall.
The bombardment of the gate lasted
fourteen hours. The Russians then
advanced and occupied the wall. The
Chinese, however, still held the obser-
vatory and other towers, whence they
directed our troops to a heavy en-
folding fire, until our troops forced
them to leave their positions. Our
losses were:

Killed—Col. Antikoff and twenty
men; wounded—Gen. Wassilowski, Col.
Kozlov and five other officers and twenty
men. In the meanwhile the allied
troops stormed and captured another
gate and entered the city. We found
that the Imperial government had fled
and that the legations were in great
distress."

The dispatch concluded with describ-
ing the recent attacks on the legations.
During the siege the inmates of the
Russian legation had five men killed
and twenty wounded.

RUSSIA SEIZING MANCHURIA.

New York, Aug. 24.—A special to the
Tribune from London, says:
The Standard correspondent from
Peking says the line of communication
with Peking is in an unsatisfactory
condition, and the force detailed to hold
it is insufficient. It is reported in
Shanghai in Chinese circles that the
Chinese dowager and Prince Tuan have
been captured. The emperor is said to
be in Peking with the allied forces.

London, Aug. 24, 2 a. m.—Peking, fight-
ing and discussion are apparently fol-
lowing in the wake of Peking. The
Daily Mail publishes dispatches from
the Chinese capital, dated as late as
August 17th, declaring that a great
fire was then raging in the Imperial
city.

The Russian commander had de-
clared to accept the decision of the other
generals not to violate the Imperial
palace, and street fighting was going
on.

Gen. Chaffee—so it is asserted—
maintained that the Chinese had been
adequately punished already, and that
it would be unwise to take the Imperial
city.

This explains the withdrawal
of the Americans after breaching three
gates, as called by the special corre-
spondent of the Associated Press.

The Russian general, however, main-
tained that his government had de-
clared war against China, and that,
therefore, there was no reason to pre-
vent him carrying hostilities into the
Imperial city.

COMMANDERS AT SEA.

Judging from various and in many
cases contradictory dispatches that
have reached Europe this morning from
Peking, the commanders evidently
adopted a middle course, and sent
troops to prevent looting. Hence, it is
assumed that the Imperial buildings,
although captured, will not be de-
stroyed, and the fires appear to be in-
cendiary, and to be caused by the Chinese
themselves.

All the dispatches point to the fact
that when the latest message received
here left Peking, the commanders were
somewhat at sea regarding their future
action, all awaiting instructions from
their governments.

The foreign residents appear to have
been sent to Tien Tsin, although the
St. Petersburg correspondent of the
Daily Mail says the ministers will not
leave Peking until negotiations for in-
demnities are under way.



TRIPLE GATE TO THE IMPERIAL PALACE



VIEW IN THE GARDENS
OF THE IMPERIAL PALACE.

VIEWS IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

The Imperial palace is in the heart of the "Forbidden City," which is itself in the center of Peking. Around the palace runs a high wall, pierced by only one entrance, which is in the form of a triple gate.

NEW TELEGRAPH COMPANY

It Will Displace the Western Union and Postal
Companies.

Expected to Connect Chicago With
Twenty-Seven Other Cities—A
Stock Market Move.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Arrangements for
the formation of the Exchange Tele-
graph company, with which the Chi-
cago Board of Trade will displace the
Western Union and Postal companies
in the distribution of market quotations
among outside exchanges, have been
drawn up and are ready to be sub-
mitted to the exchanges which will become
shareholders.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade committee, it was
decided to go ahead with the forma-
tion of the new company. As projected,
the Exchange Telegraph company will
extend its lines from Chicago to twenty-
seven other cities.

At present the only quotations going
out from the Chicago board are sent
by members to branches or customers
or are taken quotations. The president
of the Board of Trade yesterday
issued a circular letter to outside ex-
changes in which he said quotations
were cut off because it was necessary
to suppress market speculation, he de-
clared, threaten the life of all legiti-
mate trade.

Commission on Grain.

New York, Aug. 24.—After prepara-
tions covering a matter a special
committee composed of brokers, grain
receivers and exporters—all members
of the New York Produce Exchange,
have agreed upon a basis of trading
to enforce minimum rates of commis-
sion and brokerage on grain. The
agreement chiefly provides that for the
sale of consigned grain half a cent per
bushel shall be charged on wheat,
corn, oats and feed barley.

One cent per bushel shall be charged
on buckwheat, rye and milling barley.
It provides that one half of these
rates of commission shall be charged
where the consignment is handled for
the account of any member or firm, one
to negotiate to negotiate from the em-
ployer, and the other half to be paid
by one of the following regular
organized grain exchanges: Board
of Trade, Chicago; Merchants' Ex-
change, St. Louis; Board of Trade, Du-
luth; Chamber of Commerce, Boston;
Commercial Exchange, Philadelphia;
Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore;
Board of Trade, New Orleans; Cham-
ber of Commerce, San Francisco; Board
of Trade, Montreal, and Board of Trade,
Toronto.

Steamer Ashore.

Aden, Aug. 24.—The British steamer
Ingra, Capt. Burdick, from Pussowang,
July 23rd, for the United States, is
ashore twenty-eight miles south-south-
west of Cape Guardafui, and will prob-
ably be a total wreck. Captain Burdick
and eight Europeans and twenty native
members of the crew were picked up
and landed here. The rest are missing,
having taken to the boats. The natives
are plundering the wreck.

More Political Correspondence.

New York, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the
Tribune from London, says: The gov-
ernment has published a number of con-
fidential letters from prominent politi-
cians in England and at the Cape to
President Steyn and other members of
the Transvaal Free State govern-
ment. The correspondence includes
letters from Dr. Clark, M. P., and John
Ellis, M. P., in addition to those of
Henry Labouchere, which latter have
already been printed in Truth. But
the most interesting documents in the
collection are letters from Sir Henry
Devillers, chief justice of the Cape
Colony, and Mr. Merriman, who was
late in the Cape cabinet, and is now
patron of the Transvaal, who is sym-
pathetic with the republicans strong-
ly. As both writers supported the
African cause, they are most em-
phatic in urging President Kruger dur-
ing the months preceding the outbreak
of hostilities to grant reasonable con-
cessions to the outlanders. Devillers,
who was one of the commissioners to
sign the convention of 1881, goes so far
as to declare that he would never have
advised the British government to grant
the independence of the Transvaal if he
could have foreseen Mr. Kruger's nar-
row, oligarchical policy. Mr. Merriman
writes in the same strain. He directly
warns the president that continued de-
nial of political rights to the outland-
ers must provoke an explosion, and
draws a vivid picture of the evils which
the reactionary attitude of the domi-
nant party in the Transvaal was
bringing upon the country.

The whole correspondence will doubt-

less supply material in the coming
general election to industrial speakers,
who will maintain that by the admis-
sion of Transvaal advocates themselves
war was inevitable unless Mr. Kruger
altered his system.

Royal Family Council.

New York, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the
Journal and Advertiser from Copenha-
gen, says:

The members of the great royal fam-
ily of Denmark are arriving steadily for
a family council. The king of Greece
and the princess of Wales arrived by
special train and immediately contin-
ued their journey to Fredensberg,
whither they were welcomed by the royal
family. Prince Carl left his ship in or-
der to meet the princess of Wales.

It is asserted that Emperor William
will take part in the royal gathering,
arriving at about the middle of Septem-
ber.

Governor Will Use His Judgment.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The Tribune this
morning says:

Members of the Building Contractor's
council are quietly working to induce
Gov. Roosevelt not to speak at the com-
ing Labor day demonstration of the
Building Trades' council. With this
purpose in view, a copy of the public
letter which contractors addressed to
Mayor Harrison last spring, setting out
their objections to the Central labor
body, has been sent to the governor.
The contractors disclaim any intention
of attempting to induce the governor
to remain away, saying they do not
propose to mix up in any such thing.
They declare their purpose is to inform
him as to the character of the organiza-
tion under whose auspices he is to
speak. At the same time they would
not feel disappointed if he were not to
come.

U. S. Artillery to Stay at Home.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Owing to the
recent change in the aspect of the Chi-
nese situation, ships battery O, of the
Seventh artillery, now at the Presidio,
will not sail for China on the Belgian
King as originally intended. It will
probably be assigned to Honolulu or
Fort Mason.

The balance of light battery C,
Seventh artillery, commanded by Capt.
W. P. Stone and Lieutenant Berry and
Newbold, has arrived from Fort Adams
and encamped at the Presidio.

Twenty-two patients were sent yester-
day from the general military hospital
to eastern points for further treatment.
The cases were: Port Haverford,
N. M., and rheumatism to Hot Springs,
Arkansas, where every effort is made
to restore the sufferers to perfect health.

Famous Mansion Sold.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—The famous
mansion which the late W. C. Huntington
built near Belmont at a cost of \$1,500,000
and which for many years was one of
the finest country homes in America,
has been sold and is to be converted into
a hospital for the insane.



CURE SICK HEAD ACHE

Sick headache and relieve all the troubles
connected with a bilious system. Carter's
Little Liver Pills. Get a box today. After
eating, take in the P. M., before bed.
Remember, the most reliable remedy for
curing

Headache, use Carter's Little Liver Pills.
They are equally valuable in constipation, curing and pre-
venting this annoying complaint, while they also
correct all disorders of the bowels, stimulate the
liver and cleanse the blood. Even if they are
cured

Acetylene would be almost useless to those who
under the most distressing complaint, but for-
tunately they have found these little pills, and
they are now able to do so. They will
find in many ways that they will not
find to do without them. But after all, the best
thing to do is to take them.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and
very easy to take. One or two pills make a
dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not grip or
purge, but by their gentle action please all who
use them. Invaluable to all who suffer from bilious-
ness, indigestion, or any of the ailments
connected with the liver.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pills. Small Dose. Small Price.

HUNTINGTON'S GREAT ESTATE.

It is Various Estimated at from
Twenty to a Hundred Millions.

SOME OF THE PROPERTIES.

These Figure Up More Than Thirty
Millions—Who the Heirs
Are.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Times this
morning prints the following:

The will of C. P. Huntington will
probably be offered for probate today
(Friday) if the decision of the family,
arrived at yesterday, is adhered to.
Copies and an abstract of the document
will be issued at noon for publication.
It has been announced by Chas. H.
Tweed, second vice president and gen-
eral counsel for the Southern Pacific.
Mr. Tweed was Mr. Huntington's legal
adviser and drew up the will. He will
not discuss in any way the disposition
of Mr. Huntington's property.

Interest in Mr. Huntington's prop-
erty has been at a high stage. Mr. Hun-
tington has reached an estate of \$1,500,000.
It is said to be the largest estate in the
country. Mr. Huntington's total
equities in the thirty odd corporations
in which he was either an officer or a
director, and in the score of interests
in which he was represented, and his
immediate real and personal estate
amount to not less than \$2,000,000.
Some Wall Street estimates place the
Huntington fortune at \$100,000,000, on
the condition that his chief interests
are placed by his will in the hands of
trustees and for a term of twenty
years.

Those who should have a large
knowledge of Mr. Huntington's affairs,
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Some of his interests were enormous.
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or another from \$25,000,000 to \$25,000,000.
Some of his interests were enormous.
In the Southern Pacific company he
has been run up as high as \$4,000,000.
It is said to be the largest estate in the
country. Mr. Huntington's total
equities in the thirty odd corporations
in which he was either an officer or a
director, and in the score of interests
in which he was represented, and his
immediate real and personal estate
amount to not less than \$2,000,000.
Some Wall Street estimates place the
Huntington fortune at \$100,000,000, on
the condition that his chief interests
are placed by his will in the hands of
trustees and for a term of twenty
years.