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THE SITUATION IN CHINA

Foreign Ministers Are Virtually Prisoners.

WALLS OF THE CAPITAL GUARDED BY IMPERIAL TROOPS

Mobs Clamoring For Blood—Crisis Expected When Relief Column Comes in Sight of Peking.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 16.—This is the situation in China as it appears to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express who cabled last evening: It is really a state of war. The members of foreign legations in Peking are virtually prisoners and the Chinese troops are only restrained from attacking them by fear of legation guards.

In the meanwhile the ministers are altogether unable to communicate with officers commanding the relief column which is making an enforced and isolated halt between Tien Tsin and Peking.

The walls of the capital are guarded by 100,000 Imperial troops. The gates are heavily defended with modern guns. General Tang, acting under orders from the Empress Dowager, says that no more foreign troops shall enter the Sacred City.

On Monday the ministers demanded of Tsung Li Yamen that the gates be opened, declaring otherwise that foreign troops would enter forcibly. To this no reply was given. A second demand went unanswered or had not been answered when the latest news left Peking.

Sir Claude McDonald's latest message says that the Legations are capable of sustaining an effective defence unless attacked in force.

Russia, the correspondent asserts, notwithstanding assurances to the contrary, sides with China. The streets of Peking, continues the correspondent of the Express, are said to be seething with anti-foreign mobs, clamoring for the destruction of the legations and the death of foreign ministers.

Even were the Tsung Li Yamen disposed to restrain the violence of the reactionaries, it is considered highly improbable that they will be able to hold them in check for the foreign ministers.

The crisis will arise when the relief column comes in sight of Peking. It is still felt here that a foreign force is wholly inadequate to battle with the hordes of Chinese troops massed outside the gates which now include Imperial troops from Shanghai Kwang.

A disquieting element in the situation is the fact that although the Russia-Chinese telegraph line from Peking via Kiakhs in eastern Siberia is working again the transmission of English messages is rigidly refused.

KINGSTON, June 16.—The British War Office has cabled to the Jamaica Government announcing that it is prepared to accept a composite volunteer militia contingent from Jamaica, Trinidad and Demerara, for service in Ashanti. Jamaica will supply 200 men and five additional officers. The West India regiment has been ordered to Ashanti forthwith.

TREN TSI, June 15.—Mixed forces, it is reported, will attempt to seize Taku forts tonight. General Nich is moving 2,000 troops from Lee Tai to Chun Lia Cheng. General Iung Shanghai troops are moving to Peking.

—It is suggested that the inter-maritime trophy won by the Island marksmen at Bedford range a few days ago be placed on view in the Legislative Library or some other place where it may be seen by citizens and visitors to the province.

—Owen Bonnd, Ont, has adopted by law granting a loan of \$15,000 to a company to establish and operate a furniture factory and a loan of \$5,000 to a company to establish a basket and box factory.

GEN. HAMILTON WOUNDED.

But is Able to Perform His Duties.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 16.—In fighting near Pretoria, Ian Hamilton received a bullet contusion in the shoulder, but is still able to perform duties.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Minister Blair's Reply to Mr. Martin, M. P.

OTTAWA, June 14.—Martin, (P. E. I.) asked Blair why work had been discontinued on the contract for railway construction in that province.

Blair said that McManus, the contractor, had been mentally incapable of carrying on his work, and it was the wish of his friends and himself that he be relieved of it. The contract had, therefore, been rescinded and the department was negotiating with the next lowest tenderer.

Martin—Who is he?
Blair—Willard Kitchen. The minister said he hoped the work would now go on.

Martin referred to the discontinuance of further surveys, pointing out that the surveys went on vigorously in the elections of 1897. Now that another election was opening he supposed the surveys would be resumed.

Blair said preparations were going on regularly.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Connolly returned from Boston last night.

Mr. T. J. Dillon was a passenger by this morning's train en route to St. John.

Mr. W. S. Davison representing Simpson Bros. Halifax, is a guest at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. J. C. Redmond, the well-known commercial traveller, is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. J. A. Robertson is visiting the Island Province in the interests of Caverhill & Learmont, Montreal.

Mr. James E. Birch, M. L. A., who has been on a visit to Sydney, returned to Charlottetown last evening.

Mr. A. A. Leturgey, of Summerside, came to Charlottetown last night and left for Sydney, C. B. this morning.

Mr. James McDougall, of Bangor, (P. E. I.) who has just returned home from Pine Hill University is in the city.

Mrs. J. N. McNeill, of Calgary, arrived in Charlottetown last night, accompanied by her mother. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. McLeod, Brighton.

Mrs. (Dr.) Dickey and her mother, Mrs. Trenaman, were passengers by the Princess this morning. Mrs. Trenaman has been visiting Mrs. Dickey and is returning to her home in Halifax.

Mr. Oscar McCallum, of the Charlottetown Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the Campbellton, N. B. Branch. He leaves on Monday. His many friends will join in wishing him success.

Mr. Alfred E. MacNeill, of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Summerside, has been transferred to the Amherst Branch of his Bank. He will leave on Monday morning. Mr. MacNeill is a son of Dr. MacNeill, of Charlottetown, and we congratulate him on his promotion.

Mr. Harold T. Morris, graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, will be in Charlottetown for a week or two, and will be at the service of all people who wish to have their pianos tuned or repaired. Orders left at Mr. E. W. Taylor's or G. F. Hutcheson's stores will be quickly attended to.

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MCGILL EXAMINATIONS.

Island Students in Third Year Do Well.

The result of the third year examinations in medicine at McGill University appear in the Montreal Star at hand this morning. The Island students show up well. Following is the pass list in alphabetical order:—

J. J. Blake, Charlottetown; C. H. Dalton, Tignish; J. E. Fleming, Rustico.

C. H. Dalton won honors in all subjects. J. J. Blake won honors in clinical chemistry and mental diseases; J. E. Fleming, honors in medicine, surgery and materia medica; S. Simpson, Bay View, honors in mental diseases; E. J. Mullally, Souris, honors in medicine, materia medica and clinical chemistry; A. DeB. Callbeck, Tryon, honors in clinical chemistry; E. N. Hunter, Alberton, honors in medicine.

The complete lists have not been published. When they reach us further particulars will be given.

Princess Aribert.

TORONTO, June 4.—Her Highness Princess Aribert of Anhalt, daughter of Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and grand-daughter of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, arrived here from Niagara Falls accompanied by Mme. Von Chapens, Berlin, and Max Muller, Washington. The visitors were the guests of Lieutenant Governor Sir Oliver Mowat and left for Ottawa.

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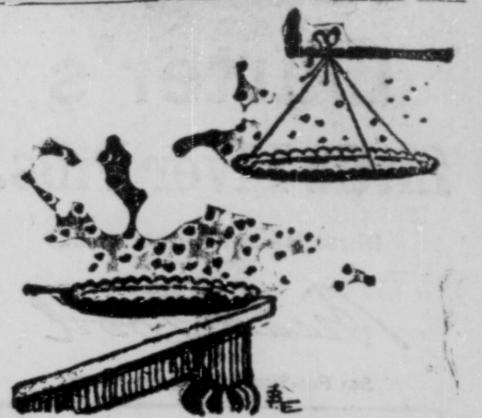
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