

Matters in China are anything but rosy. We give no credence to much that is sent out from that country, but still the occupation of the cities composing Peking has been long enough to justify expectation of an earnest effort on the part of the Chinese for peace negotiations. Instead, however, we hear of movements of large bodies of Chinese troops, bent rather on further fighting than peace. Our Government is in a position to urge early negotiations without further hostilities, and we hope it is prosecuting its work in that direction. Having relieved our minister and the other prisoners and captured their capital, we have no further cause for hostile conflict, unless the Chinese refuse to yield to present conditions and agree upon terms for the future. We regret to say that appearances at present are unsatisfactory.—Raleigh Post.

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