

## SACRED CITY ENTERED

### Defenders of Peking Pushed to the Last Ditch

## FIGHTING SINCE THE 15TH

### Victims Expected of the Surrender or Disastrous Rout of the Chinese Army

Uncertainties Regarding the Existence and Whereabouts of the Emperor Will Be Cleared Up by Taking of the Imperial Palace.

London, Aug. 21.—The admiralty has received a dispatch from Rear Admiral Taku, August 19, which reports that the allies are reported to have entered the sacred city August 17. It is understood that the report received by Rear Admiral Bruce came from a source to be relied upon, and of course in London expect to hear within a few hours that the last position in Peking has been taken by the allies, and the Chinese who had centered there their final defence have either surrendered or been put to a disastrous rout. It has generally been agreed here that there has been almost continuous fighting in the Chinese capital since August 15th, and the armies of the powers entered the gates of the walled city.

The inability of the outside world to obtain direct and official accounts of occurrences there since the arrival of the international relief expedition is attributed to the disabled telegraph system. No dispatches have come direct from Peking since the 16th, the latest that of an American minister, Mr. Conger, who was believed to have been rescued from the day the envoys and foreigners were rescued from their perilous position.

It is expected that the capture of the walled city defenses by the allies will put an end to the uncertainty surrounding the whereabouts of the Dowager Empress, and the fact whether the Emperor is being or not, and also disclose whether it is imperial troops or Boxers who have been resisting the army of the powers in Peking. For some time the foreign ministers at Peking have been with the greatest interest.

## Related News from Peking

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A further reconnaissance will be made tomorrow, and afterwards the entire force will be concentrated and prepared for an advance on the 15th.

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## ANARCHISTIC THREATS

### Official Circles in Rome Thrown Into a State of Consternation

Rome, Aug. 21.—Signor Novie, the leader of the left, has received an epistle warning him that he has but two weeks to live. Letters to the other members are similar in character, and there is a feeling of consternation over the receipt of the threats in high official circles.

None would be surprised here if tomorrow would witness one or more outbreaks upon the person of the members of the Chamber. There is no telling where the first blow will be struck or who will be the victim, despite the vigilance of the authorities, who have striven in vain to discover the writers of the threatening letters and place them where they can do harm.

It is understood that the authorities have detained men to watch the homes of the members of the chamber, and that extraordinary precautions have been taken against the assassination of officials. They picked Italian police agents to their way to New York. They will be distributed in the quarters where the Italians abound.

The government has appropriated \$250,000 for the expense of this service.

## TARIFF AND SILVER

### Mr. Bryan Explains Why They Are Temporary in the Rear

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 21.—It is said to be certain that silver will be brought to the front at the Topeka notification ceremony Thursday. Mr. Bryan tells his friends that he will discuss the money question at some length at Topeka. At Topeka and driving in Cool Spring street, the Silver Republican notification ceremony he proposes to deal mainly with the issue.

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