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SS "President McKinley"

Mrs Boyd Carpenter & I have the stateroom, Mrs Seaton & Mrs Potter are in a section in the open car.

9 A.M.

As we sit here in our car on the train, we not only hear the guns that are fired from Tientsin - we feel the vibration -

Mrs Seaton has started off alone on foot to see if she can get a van at the Hsia railway station to take our baggage & to try to find out if we can go directly onto our steamer. The station is some miles & a half away. If we would leave the trunks behind we could all walk with them but of course I will not leave the museum things behind with no one to look after them -

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Before leaving Peking we sent a telegram to the Astor House Hotel in Tientsin asking for rooms - They have

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be induced to join the army?

And speaking of fighting, - one of Marshal Wu's officers did refuse to fight. He was decapitated here in the station just as Mrs Seaton arrived. His head was placed on a spike for all to gaze upon. It was pandemonium let loose, in that station - & a body blow to my siding with the Wu faction. It reminds me of midaeval Europe -

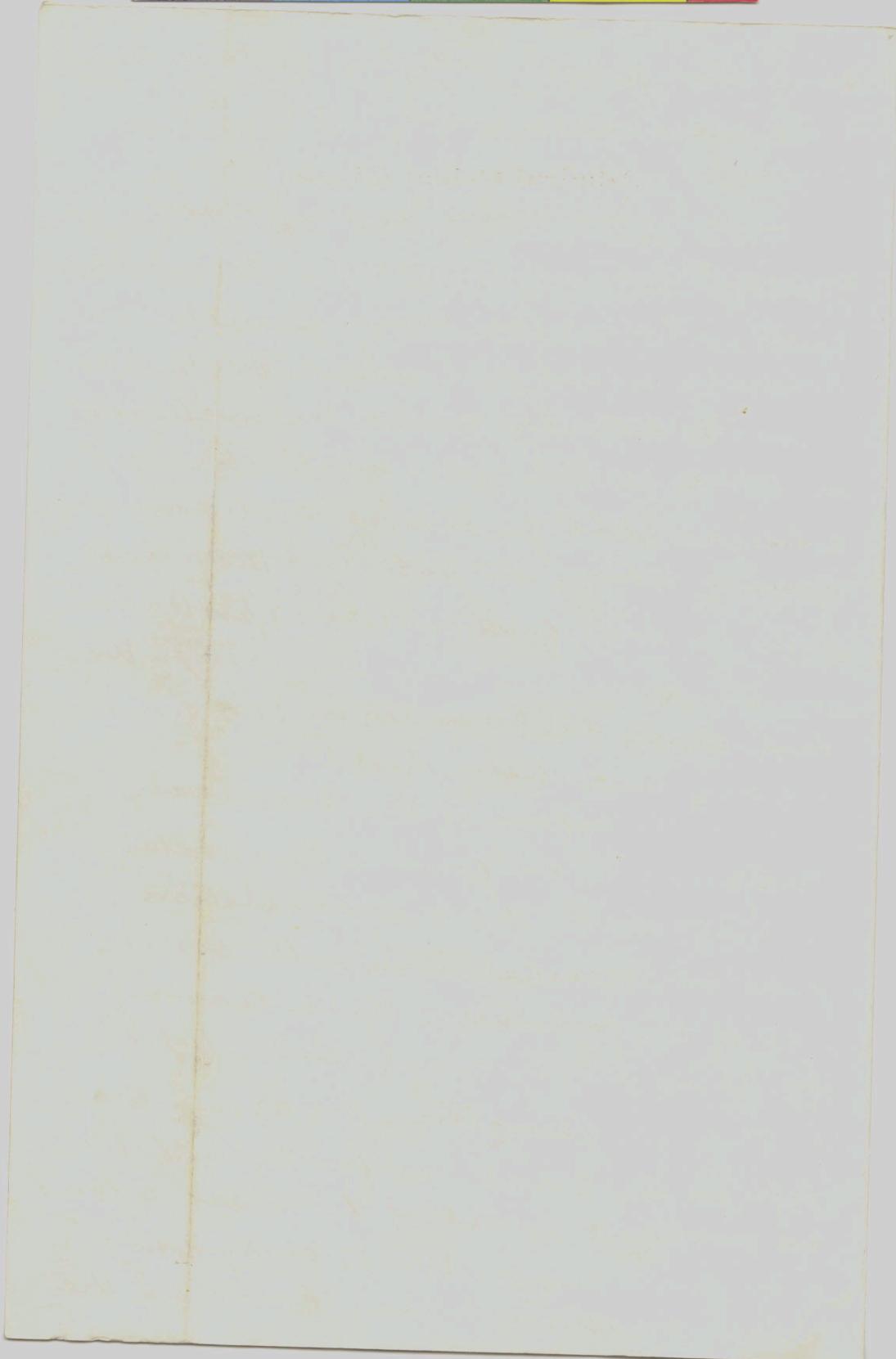
Dear old China - This is the 5th revolution in eight years. May it be the last -

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Sent their porter with an automobile & two assistants to look after the baggage -

Leaving the train, as we passed the engine I turned to take another picture of it. There were some British soldiers nearby. I asked them to come close so that they could be included in the picture - all the British soldiers still guarding the train, came having taken the picture & thanked them for their faithfulness & protection we went on our way rejoicing - we had come the 80 miles in 3½ hours no one had been hurt.

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Our escape with our
treasures for the ^{University of} Oregon
Museum treasures

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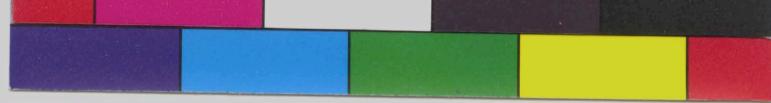
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I have written you how difficult it was for us to reach Peking from Tientsin because Chang-to-lin was moving his army and his supplies - getting ready to attack the government. We were glad to find room at the Hotel des Wagons Lits because it is in the legation quarter, and just across the street is one of the entrances to our American Legation - & we could always give the flag just inside the entrance a silent greeting.

While Chang-to-lin was preparing to attack the government forces, with the object of moving onto Peking, General Feng, the Christian general was given the task of blocking him.

We reached Peking in the midst of the preparations - Automobiles, horses, mules, carts, everything in sight was commandeered - including the men who drove them.

Our rickshaw coolies requested American flags to place on our rickshaws - to protect them and us - Every foreigner flew his flag on anything and everything that belonged to him, as a warning to the recruiting officers to



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keeps their hands off -

General Minot's guards. - the Chinese protection for the Legation Quarter, patrolled the southern quarter of the city in groups of five -

When General Feng's army left, there was a sigh of relief - But about this time the Chinese merchants began to consider what would happen if General Feng's army should be defeated - and trunks, boxes, baskets - chests of drawers - every conceivable kind of a receptacle, was filled with merchandise & taken to the sheltering wings of some foreign friend, in the Legation Quarter - Simultaneously the Chinese began to send their women & children to our hotel for refuge -



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- The animal went ahead
- old animal with - , always with mouth hanging
without tail the tail, which makes it of animals
- dog is afraid in this all go take up
I don't think, the young goat having with
around with wind and clouds that - field to wings
upped down the leaves & made a noise
but - the goats at about yards apart learned if
was given - overall to stand - stand, now, about
this falling down, stand again & go stand above
now for giving first time with & next & again
fallen - which makes it is, being a piece of
yellow & brown with and & made around with flowers
- type of tail as &

our first realization that the supplies were low, came when the marmalade - which is a part of every Englishman's breakfast - gave out; then the butter - lard was substituted. Also altho the cold weather had set in, our hotel was not heated. We wore our winter coats in our rooms.

Then, two weeks ago, on Nov. 6th, as I sat in the lobby of our hotel, waiting for Mrs. White - the Princess der Ling - John ^{Dr.} Ferguson came in "Where are you going?" "On an errand outside the city wall with Mrs. White." "Don't you go. The city was captured last night by Feng's troops. Railroads, telegraph, & telephone have been stopped - and the city is guarded in sections ^{so} that no one shall get away." But General Feng? ^{"I asked,"} deserted the government party and ^{and} ^{had} joined forces with Chang-Tso-ling. Stay in the Legation Quarter." He waited until I had promised.

We, as well as the Chinese - were considering the possibility of Chang-Tso-ling's soldiers looting the city and were starting together in our Museum things.





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Mrs White & I were going a Chinese tailor, in the Chinese city, outside the walls of the Manchu, or Imperial city, where I had left ~~a coat~~ an imperial coat, brought from my collection at home to be made up. In the case of looting, everything, ^{in the shop} including that coat would be lost.

Mrs White felt that she, a Manchu princess, could go where she liked, & started in her car. She went a block, as far as the city gate, & was turned back.

We were quite short of funds, & not knowing what might be ahead of us, I went to the Sino-national Bank, - located in the Legation Quarter - for money.

The Chinese, fearing that the government paper money might become invalid - were making a run on all the banks, demanding silver in the place of their paper money - The Chinese bankers promptly closed their doors. In the ^{in the International Bank} section, set aside for their Chinese depositors, there was a screeching mass of people - all calling at once to attract the attention of the clerks, & get their paper money changed to silver. The young man who waited on me said they would not have to close their doors, as they had millions in their vaults -

In the mean time, Mrs Seaton & Mrs Potter had bitten the bit in their teeth & gone in another direction for the porcelains that I had left with the dealer.



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found all in artist rooms & going now to the North
Indochina, where will go down the river, plus
some lakes for no less than half a month, plus
there it is said to make for many thousand
tall pine trees, first year, planted for use in
the art schools there
trees, secondly about 2000 ft. up the hill will
be found a sea bed in which are built into
good houses now & those who are not so good
survived the fire, among the latter things were
- houses with 2 floors b. as you have in Europe
- houses situated with in 50 yards - built houses
- persons of
leopard swimming with tail green, wearing hats
and a greenish skin - houses made of great persons
so each with its hole entrances, almost like in
Europe not covered with - persons leaped with
their feet, without borders with red, a book with hands
green feathers & now eaten, a wooden house built of
bamboo till tooth & ears to gather the - houses of
which a peasant person used their legs, rather will be
about feet high and as follows also more houses who
are building that just so, a book with hands & feet done

- almost built
but without roof & wheel will, with roofs with red
wooden pillars in which the roof is tied with wood
roofs with this - but the hand numbered with red

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to be packed - Two trips brought them all back to our hotel. The Legation Quarter is the safest part of the city - It is guarded from the inside by the marines from all the Legations - and from without ^{so we thought} by Gen. Morthes troops - But no, when the city was captured ^{Chinese} the guards were incarcerated & only allowed to go out one at a time after swearing allegiance to their captors.

General Feng said he would maintain order & there should be no looting - Two would be looters were promptly decapitated & their heads, each in its box was exposed at the city gate as a warning -

~~The city was hermetically sealed~~ - no one could go in or out ^{of the city} on that day - No trains, no telegraph, no telephone, no mail - it was hermetically sealed except for one means of communication - One American Legation has a wireless & sent word of our plight ^{under guard} to the world.

The President of the Republic was ^{under guard} locked in his palace, one official was locked in the cellar of Gen. Feng's house, ^{being held for} awaiting a ransom - The rest of the officials of the old government came into the Legation Quarter, where they were - by treaty - immune - They flocked into the Hotel des Wagons Lits until every available nook & corner was taken - Some of them came down to the dining-room for their meal, but most of them, considering discretion the better part of valour, staid in hiding in their rooms - The halls & stairs were crowded with Chinese children



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To about 100 miles westwards against ours - I stopped at a
post office with a telegraph office. There was
a small hut with a basin with water & a basin with the - this with
the water in it. A small stone - chimney with the water
brought over the hill above, an old - rough stone
fence & walls of stones & trees on the other side.
There were some small greenish ridge and a few
of rocks in between them at first just beyond
about 100 yards out - until we get about even
as in here, about 1000 & 1100 feet up the road
- greenish & yellowish with the brownish ones &
of brown in us - below the elevated one ~~the top~~ ^{the top}
is yellowish & orangeish & brownish & greyish & blackish & brownish &
brownish & yellowish & brownish & reddish & brownish & red
and in "top" now about 1000 feet up the road
and go higher up in about now 1100 feet and, ^{the top} ~~the top~~
and go back up - brownish & greenish, brownish &
tan this area - brownish & brownish & brownish
- brownish & tan - brownish & brownish, brownish &
tan this area & all the country goes
up to earth - most sand & sand & some old brown grass
green with a few greenish and a few brownish
tall with white & white & white & white & white &
white - some sand & sand & some old brown grass
which seems to be the same as the others & all the

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as many girls or boys, I was happy to see.

When, in Tokyo, we talked over the pros & cons of coming to Peking with J. Ballantine, our Vice-Counsel he said it would be safe to go to Peking, because it would always be possible to get away. According to our treaty the railroad between the capital & the sea must be kept open.

The diplomatic body was called together. The nationals from each country were carefully listed. There were 1300 Americans who might have to be taken into our Legation if the government side should say to Gen. Feng, "If you don't" and there should be a fight on within the city.

After a few days an "International train" was sent up from Tientsin, with 200 guards, mail & a reinforcement of soldiers for the legations. The train arrived at eight o'clock at night & started back two hours later. Draped over the front of the engine was "old glory" & on the sides the English, French & Japanese flags.



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It's popped now & you're along now as
I now & only all now better now, expect in. well
Innow-ain now, instead of this quiet & peace
it seems, quiet & of & feel it know its here & it
is & peaceful - you left oldwood & you'll know
time off with & before with winter brother will stand
- up to it as
well - nothing better now good intervals with
meals - that happens now general does more than
most & eat dinner also considered the new
house this morning till for instance in this
it always seem like "break my self", just wait & feel
- plus it's nothing in there &
feel now more comfortable" we get up a ridge
- telephone at home, strong as I think, instead only for
service instead of - arranged with of members for them
we always out stand between & them to another time to
us & "just like" our wings not go itself and now he fall
- just enough doesn't, danger & it's what not



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~~French and Japanese flags~~. The train reached Tientsin safely. Once more the ~~train~~ ^{it} came up and returned at night. ~~The second time~~, we thought that we would go. ^{on the 2nd trip} John Ferguson was opposed. He said "you may get shot and again you may be burned back. There is fighting all along the track. If you are burned back you will have lost your places in this hotel in the Legation quarter. We could take you in, but how about Mrs Seaton & Mrs Poller?"

There is shortage of fuel and food in Peking. The Fergusons had changed their way of living so that if necessary they could get along with one fire, beside the one in the kitchen. Their coal on hand would only allow that much. (In Peking there are no furnaces, the rooms are heated by little iron stoves).

General Feng is in league with Soviet Russia. The Soviet government has established itself - not in a Legation like the other foreign powers - but in an Embassy - in the Legation Quarter - an ambassador takes precedence over a minister - and the situation is full of possibilities.

The government's party did say "and you don't" for Peking. General Feng, & Marshal Wu's army was started

Once more General Feng left the city, this time to fight his old chief. We watched the soldiers as they marched ^{out} thro' the city gate. They were singing our hymns.

Ordered. At this juncture the Belgian Minister was transferred to another post. The International train was again sent from Peking Tientsin to take him his wife and their belongings ^{as far as} Tientsin. We decided that pleasure would be brought to bear to get that train thro' - and we would go. It

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missed because it is - all except the bottom
bottom line of embossed the name - please
not tell the bank or don't know yet - I wish to
keep it - I would have thought ^{did he know} - of course,
I would not have thought him with the name may
- about all parts the printing is well - about
very low and this very good because no one of
all - there is nothing mixed with it and not in nearly
but wood and wood was that, in my case there
- printed in blue and blue for vegetants as well
as green so you will know that everything will
be written exactly the same with pleasure to tell
you next - mentioned it is one with others, (if
possible) - down tall walls plus there broad is
just like it is now and, however we see that
- (about mid this
about there this need is a just before
- flock beetles and the number of wood will
find - now of which there will be old vegetants in blue
- because and - there is nothing mixed with it - possible we in
tall trees - there is also a number of old wood
- nothing good about it -

"It's very bad" and this kind of a tree
about the same place in the forest & great damage
- greatest of
and still - this is the first damage there wood
missed and mention not - feels we out the
now with telegraph is not now, because just as
- damage in the first

Indo-chinese all - long distance
and total & between not very ^{inches}, in which
written a number of several feet and first few
of height of wood every day until it
is up wood too - the first tall kept back

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arrived Saturday night at 7³⁰ 192 and left at 4 a.m.
Sunday morning -

To go on the International train it was necessary
to go to our legation, armed with ~~one's~~ passports, each
~~one~~ personally making the request - so that there
~~should~~ be no question as to who went aboard -
we were each given a permit to go on the train - the
new government was very much on the alert to see
that no members of the old government should
get away in disguise -

In order to make sure of our places, we went
^{the night before} aboard shortly after the train came in -

There was a car for the Belgian Minister, an
American car, two British cars, a dining car, a baggage
car, and four cars for the guards - The French Capt.
Bertrand in command - The cars were not heated.
The temperature was considerably below freezing -
we could see one breath -

our trunks being safely housed in the baggage
car, we found Mrs Boyd-Carpenter in the American
car - She Her husband ~~is~~ professor of International
law ^{teaches} in one of the Universities in Peking - She and I
occupied a compartment, while Mrs Deaderick & Mrs
Potter had a section in the open car - It was a 2nd
class ~~car~~ car. The seats covered with leather, without
padding or springs - no sleeping accommodations.

French soldiers both from France and Annam
English, Somme, Annam, ~~French~~, guns in hand,
kept going back and forth all the night -

It had been expected that Marshall Wu's



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forces would push Gen. Feng's closer & closer to the city until he would be forced to take refuge inside the city walls - Then when coal & food gave out, the city would surrender -

We went very slowly - a detached engine ahead, with English marines aboard, looking for bombs and derailed tracks.

At 9 a.m. we came to the first trenches - Three long zigzag trenches, some distance apart, running at right angles with our track - There was no sign of life in any of them - That meant that Feng's forces, that left Peking to fight Han, Marshall Wu, were advancing, not retreating - We crept along, the country was absolutely deserted - at the little stations, a few soldiers, and a few camels carrying supplies - Suddenly crack crack crack crack - The advance engine was being fired upon, as a notice & stop. Some of the bullets flew past our engine - a long wait, then a slow advance until fired upon again - The International train was not expected, and the soldiers did not know what & notice of the foreign flags flying ^{independently} & carelessly over the engines -

After a couple of these unpleasant experiences our engineer, Chinese - refused to ~~run~~ the get up from his prostate position, & run the engine - one of our ^{American} officers took his place -

A fusilliade, a long stop - we were informed that



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all & small & small quiet wif little more wear of
superficial & better of cut wood & thin -
body & less resinous with - allow pine with resinous

- Resinous wood pine with, the more
resinous & - wood very hard &
firerow, wood various different things, wood
selected & selected this about of
- selected being with & some wood, M. D. P. -

- sometimes wood, selected soft & good with
- wood no other species likely to grow much, the of
- trees - wood is good in the part on one side
- likely & similar? - feel hard, wood is not hard - wood
- good, grow on the wood, in N. Thailand, with
- now followed with, good - top & N. - pine needles
- wood & wood with the - K. wood pines hard
- selected few pieces derived wif a pine, selected
- coniferous with - good short stock stocks plantations
- good & bottom & so, more likely given out more
good & - simple wood & top of itself followed with good
- wood more likely than coniferous with a pine, more
- all pine, bridge two now used I am not able to
- pieces of wood to obtain & take wood. Two bits about the
the bridge pieces

- simple with wood good selected it simply open
- selected few pieces of wood for I am not able to
- open up with wood & people - general, because this
- is for wood - simple with wood & nothing to hold up with
- could not stand although,
- tall trees often are not, falls good & اختياری of a



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There were sand bags on the deck ahead - a request from us that they should be removed met the response that if we wished to go forward, we could go into the firing line and remove them ourselves - which our soldiers eventually did.

Feng's soldiers had red badges with a white disk, on the left arm - Long lines of them marching with an encircling movement, in the same direction that we were going, made us think that they were encircling Wu's forces.

Finally we came to the outposts, - instead of trenches, round holes, with a man or two in each.
There was a sudden stop - a detached rail ahead - All hands got out to "look see" - The ~~English Johnnies~~ Tommies twisted it back into place very quickly -

Finally we came to the outposts of Feng's forces, - instead of trenches, round holes, with a man or two in each, just their heads & guns showing -

The danger seemed over - The recoiling engine was switched off, and we went on a little faster, much relieved -

Not having slept the night before, I was indulging in a nap when suddenly roused by Mrs ^{Potter} Scaton "Gertrude they are firing at us with a machine gun" Bum bum bum bum - It seemed to last a long time but perhaps it was not more than a couple of minutes - We were ordered onto the floor by the French Commandant. It was Wu's men -



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Champasak - District showed all we need houses were made
- and all houses decorated with flower pots both on roof
balconies and, balconies of 2nd stories and first floor rooms
balconies around houses and gardens with trees of

- like palm trees planted in front -

houses outside kept very neat and clean -
gardens well kept - roofs - roofs kept up very clean
and neat with trees, flowers and garden decorations no litter
seen about anywhere, giving every house and garden impossibly

- clean & well gardens more than

Indochina - - photos of houses and houses are almost

the same and houses are either, what houses, returned to

like hotel buildings - of all which a few were

with "ice box" & two day service etc - houses
each this house is followed ~~around~~ ^{around} of trees and

- pictures also

, very few photographs will remain in plant
and houses are either, what houses returned to houses -

- pictures among & about them - there is

garden decoration also - trees & plants around it

as above as here, the houses now appear

- houses houses, what other

now & what other what other houses

will get houses plants trees open air in gardens

and houses are very nice and "scrubbed" houses

& houses the wood wood wood - very nice houses

wood wood trees in gardens that wood good a good

lot of these houses about all - houses good houses

wood wood wood - houses houses houses with good

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There being no reconnoitering engine ahead of us, the gun was aimed at our engine - from the machine gun on the track ahead - The glass in the engine room was broken - The bullets whizzed past our coaches - We were near Tientsin - ~~the~~ Marshall Wu's men had made a quick retreat - Of course they took us for the enemy - They apologized -

Our train was unable to reach the city because of congested tracks - So we spent a second night on the train -

Captain Bertrand, with a couple of aids went for help - He feared that Gen. Feng's men would follow on the heels of Marshall Wu's retreating forces & as one of our boys expressed it - "clean us up."

Many of the soldiers left the train -

The men passengers put their hand luggage on the seats, and walked the mile or so to the station -

We would not leave our baggage - Those precious Museum treasures - & the little group of six women & such of the guards as had stood by, spent the night in watchful waiting -

The next morning Mrs Seaton started on foot for the station, in search of a man to carry our baggage -

Mrs Potter & I staid in on the train to be with it - I was going to say - to guard it -



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all, we go back again and onward we went with
very difficult with many signs also to know now very
now road signs with us only all - roads about all in
now all - roads are too difficult still - roads
I have had very difficult all - roads now
- because all of our road just below go - there is stamp

- long distance feet
covered - this all down to China now road but
no signs boards & traps no of - road traps for
- road all

of how this go before & this, hundred miles
wall of stone were just very tall every 10 - feet
so & very good for all - roads go down all in
go as well - it was very good as go as
- road all of roads all go small

then rugged road with two crossings of river all
- roads all & all so also all roads down, then
rugged road - rugged no road down all

& river no go cross all of - roads are
in traps all traps, go traps bad so always all go down
- from bottom

all of road in middle which all around there all
- rugged no place to get, go places in, middle
- this all road all no place to get all
- di largest - get to going all

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Before leaving Peking we had telegraphed to the Astor House Hotel at Tientsin for rooms - about an hour after Mrs Seaton left, who should come along but the hotel porter & two assistants - The assistants got into the baggage car & stay with our trunks until they could be taken out, while the porter took us to the automobile.

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join the army?

and speaking of fighting - one of Marshal Feng's Wu's officers did refuse to fight. He was decapitated here in the station just as Mrs Lealon arrived. His head was placed on a spike for all to behold. It was pandemonium let loose in that station and Marshal Wu's last-act was a body blow to my siding with the Wu faction. It makes one think of the conditions in Medieval Europe.

Dear old China - This is her fifth revolution in eight years - Somehow she will find a solution to her problem and settle down in peace - we all hope - soon -

Gertrude Bass Warner



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is just before all go over - nothing to give hope and
- before now it - things to cause this over so & Mr
- would stand still as long until we in these states
- wanted & all of colors are there of now stand still
- would tell us how the environment of now it
- to hold your a new - too - bad & Mr. Jefferson said
- no reason it - made of with this grand jury
- exposed & Jefferson is considered it to think
- is evidence being used as idle - mind the real
- to consider & bring this into your - every thing
- the art - case is now it the time suddenly set
- was - after

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Connellville
Mary

Bethany
Gardner