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ALLIED FORCES FIGHT THEIR WAY INTO PEKING AND RESCUE BESIEGED FOREIGNERS

Chinese Capital Captured Last Wednesday, the Japanese Leading the Relief Column and Losing Heavily.

Outlines Resistance Made by the Defenders of the Middle City, but an Attack is Made on the East Gate and the Legations Are Nearly Rescued.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The allied armies have entered and captured Peking in the face of Chinese resistance and the capture of the Chinese capital marks the official restoration of the 37th of the Chinese capital to the United States government...

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The relief column has entered the Chinese capital, Peking, after a hard-fought battle...



ALLIED FORCES ENTERING THE EASTERN GATE OF THE TARTAR CITY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

American Troops Will Not Be Withdrawn From China Until the Foreign Legations of This Government Have Been Rescued.

Confronted by the great numbers of Chinese, General Hearst's dispatch shows that the allied forces are now well along in capturing the Chinese capital...

Allied forces rescue foreigners in Peking

Look everywhere: clothing, computers, your garden gadgets and hundreds of other household items. They all have something in common : "Made in China". Trade with China might be a new concept for many people but as with many other things it goes a long way back in history. Remember that 60s epic movie "55 days at Peking" with Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner and David Niven? It was all about trade. It was about China resenting the special concessions that its rulers had to give to foreign powers eager to have a piece of the country, and about foreign powers wanting to teach China a lesson for resisting. In those days trade with China was very simple. China was forced to buy whatever western powers had to sell while they themselves remained very selective of what they would buy and on what terms. After the opening up of the Chinese economy in the late 70s , foreign powers have rushed to tap that enormous and promising market of one billion plus

people. Today the world is flooded with all sorts of goods from China, creating many trade imbalances and political tensions with the rest of the world. A hundred years ago it was a very different story when the armies of allied western forces went to Peking to rescue their besieged nationals and demonstrate to the Chinese they were prepared to punish those they held responsible, even if it meant pursuing them all over such a vast country. So reported the San Francisco Call on August 18, 1900. "President Mckinley and his Cabinet are rapidly moulding into form the policy that this government shall pursue respecting the future Government of China... The policy of the United States is to protect all rights guaranteed to friendly powers by treaty and international law, and safeguard for the world the principle of equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire". These were the days of imperialism at its most extreme.