

# WHAT WILL CHINA DO

Probable Results of the Deportation  
of Chinese.

VIOLENCE FREELY PREDICTED.

Rev. Dr. Condit Says That Blood  
Will Surely Be Shed.

From What He Knows of the Chinese He  
Believes They Will Drive All Amer-  
icans Out and Fears Many  
Will Be Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—A thousand or more people assembled at Third and Market last night to celebrate the delivery of the anti-Chinese decision. The chief addresses were by the anti-Chinese agitators, Dr. C. C. O'Donnell and Dennis Kearney, but neither speaker succeeded in arousing a high degree of enthusiasm. It was decided to hold a procession next Saturday night and the presidents of all the labor unions were named as a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Condit, the head of the Presbyterian Chinese missions on the Pacific coast, who has been engaged in Chinese mission work for over twenty years, and has spent much of the time in the South of China, was interviewed relative to the effect of the supreme court's decision in China.

He said: "I feel that an attempt to enforce the provisions of the Geary act so far as to deport the Chinese now in the United States would be a very dangerous thing. I should expect that immediately upon learning of an attempt to do this the Chinese government would order all Americans to leave China at once. Every American building in China would be destroyed, either torn down or burned, and the killing of many American residents could hardly be prevented.

"The first move would no doubt be the recalling of the Chinese ambassador and consuls now in the United States and the severance of all diplomatic relations. Of course further traffic between this country and China would be out of the question.

"I am certain that serious trouble would follow the enforcement of the law, because I understand thoroughly the Chinese nature and the Chinese methods of revenge.

"Then I have something else to judge by in regard to this question, in the shape of a letter from D. R. Martin, president of the Imperial college of Peking. In this letter Dr. Martin says that he called not long ago upon Li Hung Chang, the Chinese prime minister, and asked him the very questions you are now asking me. And the only reply that Li Hung Chang would make was that the Americans would all be driven out. Li Hung Chang acts for the emperor. He is virtually the government. The Chinese are sometimes slow to act, but once aroused they are the most vindictive people on the face of the earth." When asked whether the action of the Geary

law had already worked any injury to American interests in China, Dr. Condit stated that he could only reply to that insofar as the question related to missionary work there. "It has already affected the work," he said. "We have been advised to send no more missionaries there until the matter is entirely settled, and we are acting upon the advice. The missionaries, and in fact all American residents outside the larger cities, would have no protection whatever from the violence that they would certainly receive. It is a serious question now whether all the missionaries in the interior should not be recalled.

"Some are even now on their way back. We have also sent word to stop all operations upon the chapel which is now being built by the Presbyterian Mission Society in Canton. I should not be surprised to see the consuls and ambassadors of the Chinese government to the United States recalled at any time now. In fact, I expect it."

Rev. N. J. Poon Chew, who is assistant head of the Presbyterian Chinese missions and was formerly a resident of Canton, China, said in an interview that the Chinese people are not unfriendly toward the people of the United States.

"Our prime minister is also friendly disposed and now that the Geary act has been declared constitutional, I think if the Chinese are given another opportunity to register they will do so. It was a great disappointment to us to learn that the supreme court has so decided the case. We have relied a great deal upon what our attorneys, especially Mr. Choate, had told us. I fear that there will be bloodshed when the news is received in portions of China, even before the government has time to act. I know just about how the feeling will be there, and I am afraid our missionaries are to be killed and our buildings destroyed."

"What will the government do?"

"That is harder to say. I shall expect the immediate recall of consuls and other diplomatic representatives of the Chinese government and the severing of all relations with the United States, diplomatic and commercial. Great harm will result to the United States. One-half of the flour mills will be closed, for instance. In the end it will be a good thing for the Chinaman, that I am free to say. Americans have an idea that China is over crowded with people.

"That is entirely an erroneous idea, for there are only a few people in China when its vast extent is taken into consideration. There are millions of acres in the interior of China which might be cultivated if the people would only do it. I think the best thing my government can do is to recall the Chinese as well as the consuls. Under the Scott act we are going as fast as possible, and the Geary act is only a political move. Our government should resent the insult upon it."