

I can rest on that now!

Is that official?

Happy New Year - Gentlemen!

That's all - that all - she's all over now!

What all this about this war being over?

I have had my hopes but this is really too good to be true!

On this day I picked up the special Chinese reaction and will enclose. It will disclose the more true newspaper of these people and I hope you get more out of it than I did.

During the interval between Aug 10th and the day of the official signing of the peace terms the Chinese had many occasions to celebrate - no sooner ~~did~~ ^{would} they put their flags away when out again they would come. One could follow most of the important developments of the war by the appearance of these colorful flags. The real solid celebration and the one in which they exerted more energy in preparation was the day following the official signing of the peace terms - the 3rd of Sept as I call. This day was well organized with parades and official functions but the true emotion of the war being over was not the same as of the celebration of the first tremors (at least in my case.) One cannot appreciate just how these people react except by seeing them with one's own eyes. There are so many finer operations and emotions expressed that cannot be defined by writing - you just have to see them for yourself. However, if you can picture thousands of people jammed in these narrow Chinese streets you will have the setting for the performance that followed. One is actually pushing elbows with hundreds of dirty, vermin covered people in walking down the streets. The odors are objectionable in themselves but must be tolerated. Several minor parades were presented in the morning with marching Chinese soldiers supplying the main body. The main feature of the day however, was the Grand Parade in the evening. It seems that most of the celebrations take place at late twilight, first because it is a time of day