

**Boxer Rebellion
(Fists of Righteous Harmony)**







Carving up the Pie of China

A French cartoon of Queen Victoria, Kaiser Wilhelm, Nicholas II, A female figure of France, and Meiji Emperor carving up China while a helpless Chinese figure tries to stop them.

Boxers were a sect founded in a small village in the economically depressed Shandong Province in northern China where a devastating drought caused massive starvation and brought people to a psychological breaking point.

They practiced martial arts, and, through training, diet, martial and prayer, they thought they could become immune to swords and bullets.

Their slogans were “Defend Chinese Religion, Get Rid of Foreign Religion”

“Revive the Ching, Get Rid of foreign influence”

It was an anti-foreign, anti Christian movement.



Boxers



Boxer Forces



1887. MISS MRS. HUBBARD AND FAMILY.
Taken at their parents' residence at school in China.

W. J. & F. G. Nichols

Murdered missionaries



**Taiyuan Massacre (Shanxi Province)
41 Catholic missionaries, 18,000 Chinese Catholics, 182
Protestant missionaries, 500 Protestants, 222 Chinese
Eastern Orthodox murdered in 1900**



**Eight Nation Naval Alliance with naval flags
Japanese woodblock print**



Foreign armies in Peking



**2,000 Japanese Marines under
British General Seymour**



Battle scene between Eight Nation Alliance and Chinese

**Forces of the Eight-Nation Alliance
(1900 Boxer Rebellion)**

Countries	Warships (units)	Marines (men)	Army (men)
<u>Japan</u>	18	540	20,300
<u>Russia</u>	10	750	12,400
<u>United Kingdom</u>	8	2,020	10,000
<u>France</u>	5	390	3,130
<u>United States</u>	2	295	3,125
<u>Germany</u>	5	600	300
<u>Italy</u>	2	80	
<u>Austria–Hungary</u>	1	75	
Total	51	4,750	49,255



Empress Dowager Cixi was de facto ruler of China from 1861-1908. She supported the Boxer rebels because they wanted to expel foreigners and so did she. Conservative she was for China for the Chinese and opposed reform.



**Manchu Dynasty Empress Dowager
Tsu-Hsi**



**Guangxu Emperor
(Ruled 1875-1908)**

Initiated a Hundred Days of Reform for political, legal, and social changes including Constitutional government, and learning from the West. For this reform movement, he landed in jail

Boxer Protocol

In another humiliating treaty forced on the Chinese, they had to pay 67 pounds of fine silver, over 39 years, with 4 % interest, which was worth \$450 million in 1900 and \$14.6 billion today reparations to the Alliance for destruction of property and damages.

It also provided for the presence of an international force in Peking.

Consequences

The Ching (Manchu) Dynasty was severely weakened and fell in 1911 making way for the Republic of China under Sun Yat Sen.