

SCARE NEWS FROM CHINA

A VAST ARMY TO OPPOSE SEYMOUR'S FORCE.

FOREIGN MINISTERS VIRTUALLY PRISONERS IN THE CAPITAL—RUSSIAN MOVEMENTS.

Foreign Office official the following statement as to the German forces in China: Our forces include three large cruisers—the Hansa, the Hertha and the Kaiserin Augusta—small cruisers Gefion and Irene, and the gunboats Illus and Jaguar, with their crews, aggregating 2,572 men. Then there are our forces at Kiao-chow, 4,720 men. The total trained men, of whom 3,000 may be spared if required for action ashore.

KEMPF TO BE REINFORCED BUT UNITED STATES TROOPS WILL BE SENT TO CHINA ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

Washington, June 15.—The Cabinet meeting today was wholly devoted to considering plans for rescuing Americans from the fury of Chinese fanatics. The President's anxiety has been materially intensified by Minister Conger's inability to communicate with Washington and by a dispatch from Consul Ragsdale, showing that Tien-Tsin, lying under the guns of the foreign fleet, is in the hands of the mob. This deep concern is increased by the failure of the international relief expedition to make substantial progress toward Peking in the last forty-eight hours, as well as by the indications of a more general uprising against foreigners throughout all the provinces of the empire than had been believed probable.

SITUATION NOT IMPROVED.

INSURRECTION SPREADING FROM PROVINCE TO PROVINCE.

London, June 16, 1 a. m.—The Chinese situation has not improved during the last twenty-four hours. Admiral Seymour, with twenty-three hundred marines, is not more than three-fifths of the distance between Tien-Tsin and Peking, and the Boxers are destroying the railway in front of his force and burning bridges behind it. The excitement at Shanghai and Tien-Tsin is increasing, and it is rumored that the relief column is itself in need of rescue. Admiral Seymour is a cool, intrepid officer of excellent judgment, and he can be depended upon to conduct the force to Peking if supplies hold out. The foreign Admirals may have miscalculated the strength of the Boxers, and it may be necessary to send a Russian military force to support the marines. The Russian reserve of seventeen hundred men is already on shore, with guns and horses, and this can be increased by four thousand men from Port Arthur. Englishmen, who have a confirmed habit of seeing a deep intrigue in everything Russian, are convinced that the bridges are burned and the marines isolated in order to provide the garrison at Port Arthur with a pretext for sending an army to Peking. In this Chinese affair it is difficult enough to find out what is on the carpet without trying to look under it.

TO SEIZE THE TAKU FORTS.

REPORTED INTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES.

Tien-Tsin, June 15.—The mixed forces, it is reported, will attempt to seize the Taku forts to-night.

WILL NOT OPPOSE FOREIGN TROOPS.

INFORMATION FROM THE FRENCH MINISTER AT PEKING.

Paris, June 15.—At a Cabinet Council to-day the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcassé, announced that the telegraph line to Peking had again been cut. The latest dispatch from the French Minister there, he added, was dated on the evening of June 12 and said the Chinese Government had informed him that it would not oppose the foreign detachments entering Peking.

TROOPS EMBARKING AT HONG KONG.

Hong Kong, June 15.—The departure for Taku of the hired transport Hing-Sang has been delayed, owing to the time taken in fitting her up; but she embarked this morning a portion of the Hong Kong regiment, the remaining three hundred of which will embark on the cruiser Terrible to-morrow.

GERMAN FORCES IN CHINA.

Berlin, June 15.—The German Foreign Office has not yet received expected dispatches from China, and their non-appearance is interpreted to mean the existence of alarming conditions. Doubts are expressed, however, as to the accuracy of the latest alleged news from Peking, because of the fact that telegraphic communication with the Chinese capital has not been re-established. The correspondent of The Associated Press to-day obtained from a leading

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HAD CARRIED THE SUICIDE ROPE WITH HIM FOR WEEKS.

A HARLEM DELICATESSEN DEALER'S STRANGE PREPARATION FOR ENDING HIS LIFE.

William J. Koehler, forty-four years old, of No. 2,263 Seventh-ave., kissed his wife of four months good-bye early last evening, ran laughing upstairs into his apartments, then locked himself in the kitchen and hanged himself from a gas fixture suspended from the middle of the ceiling.

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DE WET'S SUPERIOR TACTICS IN THE FREE STATE.

BRITISH GENERAL LURED FROM THE RAILWAY—VOLUNTEERS AND YEOMANRY CAPTURED.

London, June 16, 6 a. m.—From Cape Town comes an account of the series of operations between General Methuen and General De Wet, from which it is tolerably clear that the Boer commandant steadily during the whole time outmaneuvered the British general. He succeeded in luring him away from the railway, and by clever, swift movements, he turned and destroyed the line for many miles north of Kroonstad.

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"BLISS HANNA'S CANDIDATE."

PLATT'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE EX-SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

NO ONE BOOMING HIM HERE, SAYS THE SENATOR—ODELL, WOODRUFF AND WHITE DISCUSSED—MR. BLISS DECLARES HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Senator Platt talked freely at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night about the candidacy of Cornelius N. Bliss, saying he did not think Mr. Bliss would be the candidate for Vice-President. "Mr. Bliss is Hanna's candidate," the Senator said. "Didn't you know he and Hanna were bosom friends?" It is Hanna who wants him to be a candidate and wants to persuade him to run. I don't think that Hanna will run the New-York delegation. No one here is putting pressure on Mr. Bliss. No one is booming Mr. Bliss in the New-York delegation.

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