

RAPINE, FIRE AND BLOOD.

Revolted Stories Told of Barbarities Practised Upon Japanese and European Prisoners By Chinese.

Would Be Suicide for the Allies to Attempt to Reach Peking With Force Now Available—Hard Fighting at Tien Tsin.

LONDON, July 5, 2.30 a. m.—The commanders of the allies in Tien Tsin inform the correspondents that it would be suicidal to attempt to reach Peking with the troops now available...

Boxers used four iron guns, bringing pieces of old iron, and were repulsed with the loss of 80 killed. Two of the guns were captured. Lieut. Colomb was wounded.

Other news, received at Chee Foo, shows that the Chinese have been guilty of horrible cruelty towards the wounded and captured, subjecting them to what is known as the ling che, or the slicing process. Under this hideous rite, the bodies of the fallen have been mutilated.

The arsenal was found to be extremely well equipped with all imaginable war stores, including many Krupp and Maxim, thousands of modern rifles and tons of ammunition and small arms.

an hour. The dowager empress also chose poison, but craftily swallowed only a portion of what was offered her and survived. On the same day the Chinese customs bureau was destroyed, Sir Robert Hart, the inspector of customs and his staff escaped to the legations.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Consul General Goddow's prophecy of further trouble if the allied forces in China fail to impress the Chinese with their resources, is part of the testimony upon which the United States may base its decision to increase its forces in China considerably.

LONDON, July 6, 2.30 a. m.—The story that all foreigners in Peking were murdered on June 30th or July 1st appears to be circulating simultaneously at Chee Foo, Shanghai and Tien Tsin.

Cautious observers at Shanghai recognize that even though these reports are rejected, events in Peking must be galloping to a tragic end.

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Advise the War Office of the Latest Happenings.

Gallant Defence of a Difficult Position by "Our Boys"—Again Congratulated by Lord Roberts for their Splendid Work.

LONDON, July 3.—The following despatch was received this afternoon at the war office from Lord Roberts: "PRETORIA, July 3.—Gen. Hunter reached Frankfort, July 1, without opposition, and MacDonald joined him there yesterday.

non-commissioned officers and men; 1,400, is published for the information of all concerned.

MAINE AGAIN IN ENGLAND. LONDON, July 3.—The American hospital ship Maine has reached Southampton with another batch of wounded soldiers from South Africa.

Princess Louise, after addressing a few kindly words of welcome to the patients on board, presented each with a silver medal, bearing a portrait of the ship, surrounded by American and British flags.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES. TORONTO, July 4.—The Telegram's special cables from London say: "The Strathcona Horse while scouting encountered the enemy at Bushman's Spruit.

"A despatch from Bloemfontein reports Artillery Cooper of the second contingent died there on 24th June." (Note.—In the second contingent there is only one Cooper—C. Cooper, son of J. Cooper of Toronto.)

OTTAWA, July 4.—The following army order (special), dated 16th June, 1900, is published for the information of all concerned:

"Non-commissioned officers and men of colonial contingents from Australasia and Canada will be entitled to a gratuity of five pounds when discharged medically unfit, or on account of their being no longer required in connection with the war, or at the termination of their engagement.

"If a non-commissioned officer or man dies while serving, the gratuity will be credited to his estate.

"This gratuity will be in addition to the gratuity (if any) given to the troops at the end of the war."

LONDON, July 5.—A number of members of the first Canadian contingent sent to South Africa sailed for home on the Allan line steamer Parisian today.

OTTAWA, July 5.—Lord Minto has received the following from Sir Alfred Milner: "Regret to report that 7,204, Pte. R. Irvine, Royal Canadians, died of enteric fever at Bloemfontein 1st July.

Irvine belonged to St. Catharines, Ont. The following cable has also been received:

HEADQUARTERS, Standerton, July 4.—Following casualties reported near Watervale, July 1st: Strathcona Horse—Killed, 509, Pte. Angus Jenkins; missing, Capt. Donald McLean Howard; 456, Pte. John Hobson.

TORONTO, July 5.—The Globe's special cable says:

CAPE TOWN, July 4.—D battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, commanded by Major W. G. Hurdman, has gone to Bloemfontein to take part in operations against General DeWet, whose commandos have caused considerable trouble in the northeastern section of Orange River Colony.

Lieut. Col. Ryerson, Canadian Red Cross Society commissioner, sailed for home via England today on the steamer Dunottar Castle. Col. Biggar takes his place.

Major J. L. Biggar of Belleville, who was sent out for special service at the time the Strathcona sailed, on his arrival at Cape Town was attached to the army service corps and later was made an A. A. G. under Col. Clayton, who was in charge there, receiving the local rank of lieutenant colonel.

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