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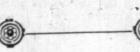
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A GREAT STRUGGLE

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Indications London, July 26 .- It is reported that 3,000 Chinese troops and more guns are being sent to reinforce the garrison of the Kiang Yan forts, commanding the entrance to the Yang Tsa Kiang, 90 miles east of Nankin. Chang Tui Tang, viceroy of Vu Chang, on the Yang Tse Kiang, telegraphs that he is apprehensive that he will not be able to restrain his troops for more than another ten days. He says he has thrown the breech blocks of the guns commanding Hankow into the river. These signs of unrest in the southern provinces are coincident with Li Hung Chang's presence in Shanghai. They are supposed to be the beginning of a general declaration against foreigners In this connection the Canton correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, wiring Tuesday, sends the following important news: - Viceroy Tak Su to-day publishes the following mandate:-An important imperial decree was issued on the 23rd day of the sixth noon. It says :- We have lost Tien Tsin, and great precautions are taken in Pekin. No peace can be obtained without going through a war. In the time of Chung an agree-ment was made that no murder can be inflicted upon ministers from abroad. It is a month since the minister of Germany was assassinated by Boxers, and strict orders have been given for the arrest of the murderers. We are trying our utmost to preserve the lives of the other ministers, and they are still in Pekin. We fear that the viceroys and governors may misunderstand the intention of the de-

cree, relying upon the safety of these ministers as a ground for making peace and taking no heed whatever to

PREPARE FOR ATTACK. and defence. The neglect to fortify the districts under their jurisdiction will bring endless calamity. Viceroys are to pay all attention and to urge on preparations for attack and de-They are to take the conse deences in case of any territory, being deences in case of any territory, being lost entirely through their delay and mismanagement." Europeans here understand thoroughly the last part of the edict, which means that the viceroys and governors are commanded by the Empress Dowager to pre-pare for a great Chinese war against the allied powers. Viceroy Tok Su is bitterly anti-foreign, and he is increasing his army and arma-ments, military and marine. He has lodged an objection, through the pre-fect, to Kwang Chow, to four small gunboats, two French one American and one British, that are here to safe-guard the lives of foreigners, and he asks that they be moved beyond the Bodue forts. His plans will be unhe is increasing his army and arma masked shortly after the allied powers ascertain definitely the facts concerning the massacre at Pekin, Chinese gunboats infest thep channel at the back of the Shamen and 18 Chinese gunboats lie, awaiting orders, below the imperial government wharf. The Cantonese are daily becoming more hostile, and the situation is critical. Business is almost at a standstill, and leprosy and plague claim fresh vic-tims daily. Native Christians assert tims daily. Native Christians assert that the notorious Black Flag, Chief Lao, who inflicted reverses on the French in the Tonquin war, now refuses to obey Li Hung Chang's command to go north and fight the Boxers. His soldiers are here and compose the crews of the gunboats in the Shameen. According to the correspondent of the Times at Shanghai, Li Hung Shang is residing at the residence of Liu, who was the envoy of the Empress Dowager in the secret

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were one killed.

"Broadwood reports that he captured five of Dewet's wagons to-day. He was waiting at Vredefort until Little joined him." Jewelers and importers NO REPEAL JUST YET. Cape Town, July 25.—In the Cape assembly yesterday the Government adignantly refused to accept a mo-

mission to Japan. He has received secret instructions to remain at Shanghai and to endeavor to open tial law in Cape Colony, made by John Xavier Merriman, former colonial treasurer. Mr. Rose-Innes, attorney-general expressed the readiness of the government to repeal the law whenever repeal should become practicable but said that the time had not negotiations with a view of prevent-ing the European advance. With this accumulation of evidence of an this accumulation of evidence of an impending big struggle comes also the news of disagreements between the powers and the foreign commanders, which threaten to hamper united action and to encourage Chinese resistance. A conference of the admirals at Taku, called to settle the question icable, but said that the time had not arrived. The house cheered the gov-ernment's decision. BOERS EVACUATE THEIR POSI-

Aronkborst Spruit, Tuesday, July 24.

The Boers, having got wind of the British advance, evacuated all their positions, and are reported to be movat Taku, called to settle the question regarding the management of the restored railway, decided in favor of Russian control, only the British and American admirals dissenting. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail insists upon the necessity of a single leader and of a general headquarters, with an intelligence office. ing to the northeast towards Leyden-berg, whether President Kruger is going. A portion of the Boers re-main north of Bushveldt, whence they main north of Bushveldt, whence they attempt to interrupt communications on this line. The bridges here and smaller bridges to the west have been destroyed. The British force comprises two brigades under General French, and a brigade and a half under General Hamilton. It is not likely that the advance upon Middle-burg will be contested. The Boers remaining upon their farms state that most of the burghers are anxious to bring matters to a finish, but that the foreigners are persistent. Liberal Commoners Try to Cut

CAN YOU TELL WHY

Chamberlain's Salary.

But the Motion was Lost by a

Vote of Four to Une-Govern-

ment's War Policy was

Involved.

London, July 26 .- During the heated

discussion of the Colonial Office vote

in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Wilfrid Lawson moved a reduction

of Mr. Chamberlain's salary as a mark

Mr. Chamberlain welcomed the issue

raised by the motion, which he declar-

ed meant that the war was wrong.

Proceeding, he spoke of the Govern-

ment's present policy, which he said

was not vindictive, proposing only to disarm rebels politically for ten years.

He believed the hope of, a reaction at

The Opposition did not spare Mr.

Chamberlain. Liberal members sharp-

ly interrupted him and charged him with misquoting other speakers, and reminded him that the whole history of South Africa the past seven years

had furnished substantial ground for

him to be suspected in all his actions.
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the
Liberal leader in the House of Commons, declared that Mr. Chamberlain
had prostituted the occasion to the

Mr. Balfour moved closure, which

was carried, 169 ayes to 100 noes. The motion on reduction of Mr. Chamber-

gain's salary was then lost-208 noes to 52 ayes.

The Colonial Office vote was agreed

gressive Near Pretoria

Forces Driving the Enemy

Before Him.

London, July 25.-The war office has

eceived the following despatch from

Lord Roberts: - "Vandermerwe Sta-tion, July 24.-We made a general ad-

tion, July 24.—We made a general auvance yesterday from the position we have been holding east of Pretoria since June 12th. Ian Hamilton, from the north, reached Rustfontein, seven miles off Bronkhorst Spruit, on July 22. This so completely surrounded the enemy's line of retreat that they abandoned the strong posi-

that they abandoned the strong pos tion they had been occupying in front of Pole-Carew. Stephenson's brigade

Brigades of cavalry, under French, and Hutton's mounted infantry. The former crossed east of Wilgie river. "Railway and telegraph communica-

"Railway and telegraph communication were restored last night.
"In the supply train captured at Roodeval, were 200 Welsh Fusiliers, most of whom had been prisoners. Dewet's force is continuing to move northeasterly. It was at Roodepoort July 22, with Broadwood not far behind and Littles cavary prigade foliated.

hind, and Little's cavalry brigade fol-lowing Broadwood."

450 DEFEAT 1,000.

dred Cameron Highlanders, the cap-ture of which was reported by Lord Roberts on July 22.)

AN HISTORIC PLACE.

The following additional despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office: "Bronkhorst Spruit, July 24.—We marched here today. This is the place where the Ninety-fourth was attacked Dec. 20, 1880. The graves of the officers and ween region for property and the control of the place where the place was attacked bec. 20, 1880. The graves of the officers and ween region for property at the place where the place was a property and the place where the place was a place where the place was a place where the place where the place was a place where the place where the place was a place which was a plac

men are in fair preservation, and will now be put in good order. The march was unopposed, but French's cavalry and Hutton's mounted infan-

try made a wide detour on our right and met bodies of the enemuy. These were driven back, leaving several dead and wounded. A good many were also captured. Our casualties

advanced yesterday unopposed Eland's River station. Our right

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home was prolonging the war.

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