

SEYMOUR, RELIEVED!

Well Entrenched the Column Could Have Held Out On'y a Day or Two Longer.

Railway Line Re-opened from Taku to Tien Tsin—A Large Force Advancing Toward Pekin.

LONDON, June 28, 3.20 a. m.—The composite brigade of 2,300 men who relieved the investment of Tien Tsin and pushed on to help Admiral Seymour, has probably saved him, but the news has not yet reached the Foo, the nearest wire point. The last steamer arriving at the Foo from Taku brought this message, dated Tien Tsin Monday, June 25.

The Russian general in command of the relief force had decided, in view of Saturday's heavy fighting and marching, that one day's rest to the troops was essential, and that the advance should not be resumed until today.

Saturday's fighting began at day-break. The allied forces opened with seven of the Terrible's 4.5 naval guns, six field guns and numerous machine guns, the firing being at long range.

LONDON, June 29.—The missing links of the chain of relief in China are being recovered one by one. Seymour, with a mixed force of 2,300 men, has been relieved after failing to establish communication with Pekin. His arrival at Tien Tsin is announced from the Foo, Berlin, St. Petersburg and other sources, and will be reported in the course of time with the compliments of the secretary of the admiralty.

Passing to the coast by another route, but there seems little reason to doubt that they are safe, whether in the capital or on the way to the coast.

The British admiralty is behind time, but has managed to report that Tien Tsin was holding out for five days, with little loss, and that Seymour seized the arsenal during the retreat, and was hard pressed when reinforcements were sent to him.

Very exhausted condition when rescued. They had been fighting continuously for fifteen days, during ten of which they were on quarter rations.

Americans and other allied forces reinforced it Monday it had not accomplished any useful purpose, and had been under fire for a fortnight and on short rations. The situation has cleared sufficiently to admit of a prospective view of the British and American policy.

A GREAT ADVANTAGE. It provided a small contingent for Seymour's column, and another one was under fire with the Russians before Tien Tsin was relieved, but both were sent into China under definite instructions, and there was no engagement to do anything more than co-operate with the other forces in the protection of the life and property of foreigners.

SAVED THE SITUATION. and also to have clouded it with uncertainty. They have saved it by despatching a large force of soldiers to China and by preparing to mobilize 20,000 troops.

HOPEWELL HILL. HOPEWELL HILL, June 27.—Sparks from the engine of the Albert train on the up trip yesterday, set fire to the woods in the vicinity of the Cape station, and considerable damage was done before the blaze was extinguished.

KENT CO. NEWS. RICHMOND, June 28.—Mrs. Haines, wife of Capt. Thos. Haines, died yesterday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters.

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BOERS DEFEATED

Two Small Engagements on Wednesday and Thursday.

Canadian Mounted Infantry Suffered Severely in the Fighting at Honingspruit a Week Ago.

BOTTLED UP THE BOERS. MONTREAL, June 26.—W. Richmond Smith writes to the Star as follows: "PRETORIA, June 26.—The Strathcona Horse has done one of the great deeds of the war. Leaving Cape Town a month ago, they went to Durban by water and then proceeded up country, reaching Gen. Buller's forces in time to do splendid service in the advance from Newcastle towards Standerton and Pretoria—services for which they received special mention in Gen. Buller's despatches to the war office, approved by Lord Roberts. Now they have done a deed which will live in history. They have blown up the railway bridge at Komati Poort, and have cut off all communication of the Boers with the sea.

LORD ROBERTS TO THE WAR OFFICE. LONDON, June 26, 11.25 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "PRETORIA RESIDENCY, June 26.—Sir Charles Warren reports that the rebellion in Cape Colony, north of the Orange river, is now over. The last formidable body, under Commandant De Villiers, surrendered on June 25, consisting of about 220 men, 250 horses, 18 wagons, 200 rifles and 100,000 rounds of ammunition.

GERMAN CORPS SUFFERED SEVERELY. BERLIN, June 26.—The Berliner Tageblatt today published correspondence from Vechtkop, dated May 12, regarding the engagements around Zand river, in which the German corps with the Boer forces is described as having suffered terribly. A list of the killed and wounded is given.

AWARDED VICTORIA CROSSES. LONDON, June 26.—The Gazette today announces that Victoria Crosses have been awarded on Major John Phillips Hornby, Sergeant Parker and Driver Glascock of Q Battery, Royal Artillery, for conspicuous bravery in saving four of the guns from the enemy disaster at Kornspruit, Orange Free State, March 31 of the present year.

INVALIDED TO ENGLAND. OTTAWA, June 26.—The following Canadians have been invalided from South Africa to England: No. 12, Corp. E. Grey, brigade division Field Artillery; No. 32, Private J. Wood, 1st Battalion Mounted Rifles; No. 56, Private G. Ferguson, 2nd Battalion Mounted Rifles.

CANADIANS CAPTURE TWO GUNS. MONTREAL, June 27.—W. Richmond Smith, special war correspondent of the Star in South Africa, cables as follows: "PRETORIA, June 26.—The first battalion of the Canadian Mounted Rifles has come in for high praise from the commander-in-chief, Lord Roberts, for the gallant manner in which they captured two of the Boers' twelve pounder guns at Rustfontein, between Pretoria and Rustenburg. The guns were defended stoutly by the enemy, and when defeat stared the Boers in the face they hid the guns in a native kraal prior to their disappearing in the night. There the guns were found by the Canadians and brought to camp, an exploit which Lord Roberts recognizes by special mention in the general orders today.

HELENA. JAMESTOWN, St. Helena, June 27.—Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, who was captured by the British at Mafeking, landed here today with 11 officers and 20 troopers, mostly forlorn. The prisoners, who were clean and of respectable appearance, were immediately sent to Deadwood, the prison camp.

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the Canadian Mounted Rifles, cables as follows: "KROONSTAD, June 27.—The Canadian Mounted Rifles are scattered along railways in the northern section of the Orange River Colony, where Gen. Buller is causing some trouble.

On June 20 the war office cabled Lord Roberts that dispiriting reports regarding the hospitals were accumulating, and asked him if anything could be done, and particularly whether more nurses were needed.

HOSPITAL EXPOSURES. LONDON, June 26.—The exposures regarding the hospitals in South Africa, which began with a three column letter to the Times, Monday, from W. A. Burdette-Coutts, M. P., conservative, detailing the great suffering endured by soldiers owing to mismanagement, led to a number of questions in the house of commons today, in response to which the government leader, Mr. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury, made a long statement, saying that so far as the government was aware no any of the sufferings of the sick or wounded were due to insufficiency in the supplies sent out.

WAR SUMMARY. LONDON, June 29, 2.30 a. m.—Lord Roberts has sent bulletins of two small fights, occurring on June 26 and June 27, in which the Boers were defeated. In a despatch from Pretoria, dated yesterday, he says: "A small force of mounted troops, with two guns, commanded by Lieut. Col. Dreiper, was attacked by the enemy under Pretors and Nel on the morning of June 26, seven miles north of Senekal. They beat off the enemy and honored their flag. Our casualties were three killed and ten wounded.

WOODSTOCK. WOODSTOCK, June 28.—The closing exercises in connection with the Grammar School were held today. The W. C. Connel medal for the best essay on the topography of South Africa was won by Victor Bedell. The W. W. Hay medal for mathematics, grade 10, was won by Matilda Winslow. Mr. Hay's medal for Latin, in grade 9, was won by Mary Wetmore.

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