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BRITAIN IS WATCHING.

Direct Answer to an Interpellation in the House of Commons—A Bloodless Victory.

London, Dec. 11.—In the House of Commons yesterday the Under Secretary of the Foreign Office, Lord Cranborne, said the Government had been notified that the present disposition of the troops of the allies on the Shan Hai Kuan railroad was of a purely temporary character. The Government, he added, was watching British interests.

Lord Cranborne also said the replies to the powers to the invitation to adhere to the Anglo-German agreement would be promptly presented to Parliament.

Yiko Arrested For Crookedness. A special despatch from Shanghai announces that Li Hung Chang's secretary, Yiko, has been arrested by order of Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, on the charge of communicating with the Boxers.

The Boxers are disturbing north and western Korea, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, and the Russian troops are preparing to scatter them.

A Bloodless Victory. Berlin, Dec. 11.—Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee telegraphs from Peking, under date of Saturday, Dec. 8, that the two detachments of troops from Tien Tsin, commanded by Col. Lohrscheldt and Major Falkenhayn, which had been proceeding against a considerable force of Chinese regulars who had taken up a position at Tang Odun, have occupied the place without opposition, and that the columns are returning to Tien Tsin.

Germany Grieves. Bremen, Dec. 11.—The press laments the lack of progress made by Germany in China, while both Russia and the United States are strengthening their position there.

The Hanover Courier, is authority for the statement that the American and Russian profit is the greatest in the far east, while Germany has grasped nothing but shadows. The Weche bitterly regrets that the Chinese markets are being captured by America's greedy Government.

The Position of France. Paris, Dec. 11.—A Peking despatch says that M. Pichon, the French Minister, has learned that large quantities of arms are being imported, and that the troops are being massed on the Indo-China frontier.

He wrote Li Hung Chang, saying that this must be stopped, or it would inevitably lead to France taking measures to ensure the safety of the frontier and for repressing piracy. He added that France was determined to do all in her power to prevent the grave complications such acts might entail.

Seafarer Murderer Beheaded. Vesteras, Sweden, Dec. 11.—Philip Nordlund was beheaded yesterday morning. On May 17 last, as the steamer Palm Carl, on which he was a passenger, was passing Quicksund, he murdered seven men, a boy, and five others, a woman and a child, and escaped in a boat to Koping. He was convicted and sentenced to death in June last. The condemned man chanted the verses of a Psalm as he laid his head upon the block.

Train Jumped the Track. Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The "Soo" train going east jumped the track at Haley Station, six miles this side of Pembroke, about 2 a.m. yesterday and tore down the station. The baggage car ran up against the station. A shantyman on the train was slightly injured. The train was running about 40 miles an hour.

Sir Wilfrid For Australia. Ottawa, Dec. 11.—It is now almost certain that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will represent Canada at the opening ceremonies of the Confederated Australian Parliament. If so, he will leave early in April, to be in time for the opening of the Australian Parliament on May 1.

Supt. Hughes Resigns. Montreal, Dec. 11.—Lieut.-Col. Hughes yesterday, after conferring with some of his friends, definitely decided to resign his position of Superintendent of the Montreal Police Force, the resignation to take effect on Dec. 31.

Meeting of Parliament. Ottawa, Dec. 11.—It is understood that Wednesday, Feb. 6, has been fixed as the date for the meeting of Parliament.

Reception to Canadians. London, Dec. 10.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian High Commissioner to London, and Lady Strathcona, held a reception for the officers and men of the Canadian contingent now in London on their way home from South Africa, at the Imperial Institute Saturday afternoon. The Earl of Aberdeen was present. In the evening Lord and Lady Tweedmouth gave a dinner in honor of the Canadian officers. The guests included Princess Louise, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Rosbery, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen.

Have Our Boys Sailed? Ottawa, Dec. 10.—It is reported that a cable has been received in the city stating that the Canadian soldiers who were announced to sail from South Africa on Dec. 2, sailed on Saturday. The Militia Department has not been notified, but expected an official notice at any time.

\$20,000 For Col. Otter. Toronto, Dec. 10.—It is said here that the Dominion Government will be asked to reimburse to Parliament a vote of \$20,000 to be given to Col. Otter in recognition of his services in South Africa.

Five Killed, Eight Injured. Cologne, Dec. 10.—A bridge at Differdingen, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, collapsed yesterday as an express train was passing over it, and the train plunged into the stream. Five persons were killed and eight were badly injured.

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