

On page 189 we present an illustration depicting the storming of the Shiku arsenal at Tien Tsin by the marines. An officer who took part wrote: "At one corner we had a nasty job turning out the opposite side, but we turned their own guns upon them, and killed a great many of them."

The illustration on page 190 conveys some idea of a Boxer military post. Along the roads of China are encountered great numbers of military posts at which small garrisons, about ten or fifteen soldiers in time of peace, are stationed. Close by is a look-out commanding an extensive prospect. The cones of brickwork and plaster are used to fire a fierce combustible in time of alarm as a signal to the next post.

They are also employed on all festive occasions. It is here that the Boxers now enrol themselves and are sworn in to form their semi-military corps. A Government official belonging to the army presides at the table. He is, as the umbrella indicates, a mandarin of consideration.

Probably the two strongest individuals in China are the Dowager Empress, an article on whom we shall publish in our next issue, and Li Hung Chang, who visited Canada five years

ago, and whose portrait appears below.

The illustrations on the three following pages depict different characteristics of Chinese life.

While Lord Roberts has formally annexed the Transvaal as British territory, the war is not over; but it has resolved itself more or less into a species of guerilla warfare, and it can only be a question of a few weeks before Kruger and Steyn look their last, for a few

years at least, on the countries they so wantonly misgoverned. We present a single illustration from the South African battlefields, but it is one of considerable interest, portraying one of those too many occasions when our troops fell into an ambush laid for them by the Boers. The correspondent of the *Illustrated*



LI HUNG CHANG.

*Illus. London News.*

*London News* thus describes it: "The fight at Sanna's Post, twenty miles from Bloemfontein, was the result of a cleverly planned ambush by the Boers. A force consisting of the Composite Regiment, 10th Hussars, some Mounted Infantry, and the Q and U Batteries of Royal Horse Artillery, had fallen back from Thaba Nchu after being joined by the advanced post from Ladybrand, and had camped at Sanna's Post to protect the waterworks there. Awakened at dawn the next day by