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Repulsed at Tien Tsin Allied Powers Obligated to Retire From First Attempt at Relief. The Foreigners at Tien Tsin Are Making a Gallant Resistance. Another Attempt to Reach the City Was Made Last Night.

FRENCH FLEET. Gathering of Warships for the Naval Manoeuvres. Paris, June 23.—Natal manoeuvres on an extensive scale will open next week in the English Channel, where the Mediterranean and Northern squadrons will go through a number of evolutions under war conditions.

Silence Unbroken Outside World Knows Naught of What is Going at Peking. Native Rumors Tell of Mysterious Tragedy at the Royal Palace. Chinese Director of Telegraphs Wires That Foreign Legations Are Safe.

British's Problems The Great Events that Are Happening in China and Africa. Transvaal Annexation Is Expected to Be Proclaimed Very Shortly. Governor Hodgson Expected to Hold Out in Kumasi Till Relieved.

NEWFOUNDLAND STRIKE. Attempt to Be Made toUnload Vessels Today. St. John's, Nfld., June 22.—The Bellefleur strike deadlock remains unbroken. The companies will try to unload the steamer Regulus, carrying freight, tomorrow.

The Chain Complete Dundonald's Arrival at Standeron Separates Transvaal From Steyn's Force. The Net Around Free Staters Is Drawing Closer and Closer. General Dewet's Buildings Are Being Burned to the Ground.

London, June 24.—(3.30 a. m.)—The only despatches from China received last night are those which give further details of the repulse of Thursday's attempt to relieve Tien Tsin.

Seymour's Force Wiped Out A Special Despatch From China Says They Are Utterly Destroyed. Tien Tsin Fighting for Its Life Against Enormous Odds.

Lieutenant Governor Joly Leaves Ottawa By This Afternoon's Train for British Columbia. Premier Emmerson of New Brunswick to Go on the Bench.

READY AT LAST. French Exhibition Now Complete and the Judges Are at Work. Paris, June 23.—The exposition can now be described as finally completed. Everything is quite ready, and the exhibits are installed.

The Fighting At Tien Tsin Alarming Report That Fifteen Hundred Foreigners Have Been Massacred. Allied Forces Stated to Have Inflicted Heavy Losses on Chinese.

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After the force retired, an armored train attempted to reconnoitre, but was defeated. More troops are arriving at Taku, and another attempt at relieving the force of much greater strength was made here from the north.

New York, June 25.—(Special)—A despatch to the Journal from China says that Admiral Seymour's force has been wiped out. A courier brought the news to the coast.

London, June 25.—The admiral has received the following despatch from Rear-Admiral Bruce, dated Taku, via Chee Foo, June 24: The total force which left Tien Tsin with the commander-in-chief for Peking about 2,000, composed of detachments from the allied ships.

Paris, June 23.—The senate has passed the government bill to repress the seditious attacks on the President of the Republic. A measure to facilitate punishment of the offenders provides for a summary trial in a police court instead of legal proceedings, often tedious, before the assize courts.

London, June 23.—The death of Count Muraviev, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, evoked no eulogistic obituaries or expressions of regret here from the British press.

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Shanghai, June 23.—It is officially said that the Dowager Empress has issued emphatic instructions for the extermination of all foreigners in China. Large numbers of refugees are arriving here from the north.

London, June 25.—The Chinese bombardment of Tien Tsin set fire to the mission buildings first, says the Chee Foo correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser. It spread to the native city and destroyed everything.

London, June 25.—A special despatch from Shanghai dated Thursday says: "A prominent resident of Peking reports that the soldiers are being sent to Peking, that a night attack on the legations was feared, and that the advent of the relief force would be the sign for a general riot in Peking."

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