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day out of the troubled district. So, at day-break the next morning, we were escorted through the city, and at 6.30 a.m. we started off from Chien Wei in great state, with a regular army on shore, and our fleet of boats. Our fifty extra trackers, and our own fifty boatmen, with at least a hundred soldiers, made quite a retinue. We certainly felt that day that it was a great thing to be a British subject.

“All day we pushed on, the boats never stopping for an instant, and the boatmen say such a trip was never made in those waters before. We passed two villages where the magistrates had been killed and the houses sacked. Tuesday morning we met with a new guard of Kiating soldiers, who were to conduct us that day. The captain of the gunboat told Dr. Smith that he had come up under sealed orders, and knew nothing of the uprising until he reached Chien Wei.”